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Israel may get newest U.S. radar

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has formally notified Congress of its decision to sell Israel some highly sophisticated ground radar equipment that U.S. forces successfully used in Lebanon.

This decision marks the first time this state-of-the-art radar will be sold to a Middle Eastern country, Congressional sources said yesterday.

The sale is valued at \$87 million. It will involve seven units of the system, which is called "firefinder."

The system's ground radar tracks an enemy's incoming artillery rounds and calculates with pinpoint precision the exact location of the shells. That, in turn, makes destruction of the shells relatively simple, according to U.S. officials.

U.S. troops used the radar in Lebanon to spot enemy shelling of positions of the Lebanese Army and the multinational peacekeeping force.

What makes the "firefinder" unique, a U.S. military expert said, was that it could track the source of the incoming artillery based only on one round of shooting. Other less advanced ground radar systems currently in the Israel Defense Forces require more than one incoming shell to determine the location.

Congress has 30 days to block the transfer to Israel, but no serious opposition is expected.

U.S. and Israeli officials yesterday agreed that the Administration's decision to make the "firefinder" and its related technology available to Israel further underlined the improved status of U.S.-Israeli military relations.

Histadrut, employers far apart

By ROY ISACOWITZ
and JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV — The Histadrut and the public-sector employers remained far apart from yesterday's round of negotiations for new work agreements. Histadrut trade union department chairman Haim Haberfeld said after the meeting that "a four to one gap" separates the two sides regarding grade levels.

Another meeting has provisionally been set for Sunday. Haberfeld said that the talks had been suspended so that "my friend Hillel" (Finance Ministry budget director Hillel Dudai) could discuss the Histadrut's response "with his superiors."

Dudai yesterday presented the government's proposed wage scale (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)



Noam Yimion is escorted from the Jerusalem District Court after being sentenced yesterday.

First sentence in Jewish terror case

Golan moshav man gets 18 months

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Noam Yimion, the first person to be convicted in the Jewish terrorist case, last night began an 18-month prison sentence for transporting 50 Syrian mines on the Golan Heights. He was given another 18 months suspended for three years.

The explosives recovered from the mines Yimion transported ultimately were used to make the bombs that were planted under five Arab-owned buses in East Jerusalem in April.

This attempt prompted the

General Security Service to move against a group that is seen as one of the most dangerous underground organizations ever caught in Israel.

Originally Yimion, 27, of moshav Keshet in the Golan, was charged together with 24 persons facing trial in the Jerusalem District Court with membership in a terrorist organization, attempted murder and the illegal possession of weapons. The maximum sentence for these offences is 20 years' imprisonment.

Following plea bargaining by his counsel with the state attorney, Yimion pleaded guilty to the lesser

charge of that possession and transport of explosives, which carries a maximum penalty of ten years.

Judge Shimon Breuer said at the outset of yesterday's sentencing that the Yimion case had to be dealt with separately "and without reference to the sins and crimes of others, particularly since they have not yet been found guilty."

The judge accepted the defence's argument that Yimion had no idea that the explosives were to be used in a terrorist attack that was directed at innocent Arab civilians. He also (Continued on back page)

Death of Sikh leader triggers violence

CHANDIGARH, India (Reuters) — Violence erupted across India yesterday as bands of angry Sikhs fought running battles with policemen over the killing of preacher Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale in the Golden Temple.

Bhindranwale, 37, leader of an extremist group seeking a separate Sikh state, was among more than 300 people killed when the army stormed the temple complex in Amritsar on Wednesday.

When officials announced that his bullet-riddled body was found in a temple basement early yesterday, militant Sikhs took to the streets in New Delhi, Bombay and other cities.

The police said at least 20 persons were killed in the protests. Sporadic gunfire broke out and vehicles and shops were set ablaze.

Hundreds of demonstrators were arrested. Many Sikh businesses and markets closed to protest against the bloodbath at the sect's holiest shrine.

A military spokesman said most resistance at the Golden Temple had been crushed after hand-to-hand fighting. But police sources said occasional shooting was still going on early yesterday.

Security forces staged mopping up operations against suspected extremists in several places in Punjab, including Patiala and Ludhiana districts.

Police sources said eight persons were killed by Sikhs near Ludhiana at dawn yesterday. Four others died (Continued on back page)

Iraq says it will intensify siege of Kharg

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies

Iraq yesterday threatened to tighten its blockade of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal, and diplomats in Baghdad expressed reservations about a reportedly imminent Iranian offensive against the Iraqi port of Basra.

As more civilians died in attacks on cities by both sides, Iraq's information minister said "weapons of mass destruction" would be hurled against targets deep in Iran if Iranian artillery continued to blast Basra and other Iraqi towns.

Responding to written questions from Reuters, Information Minister Latif Nassif al-Bassam said of his country's attacks on Gulf shipping:

"Our blockade of Kharg will escalate. We will tighten the siege around the island and the next few days will see more serious steps against the Iranian oil terminal and oil exports."

But diplomats interviewed in Baghdad expressed some reservations about a reportedly imminent offensive by an estimated 400,000 Iranian troops massed east of Basra.

While confirming the Iranian troop buildup, they said Iraq enjoyed clear superiority in air power, artillery and armour in the sector.

Iran meanwhile accused Iraq of bombing five Iranian towns on

Wednesday night and yesterday.

In Geneva, the International Committee of the Red Cross yesterday called for an immediate end to bombing of civilian targets in the Gulf War following what it described as a "murderous raid" on the Iranian town of Bender three days ago.

In an unusually strongly worded statement, the all-Swiss humanitarian body said hundreds of civilians were killed or injured in the attack.

Oil ministers of the Gulf Arab alliance are scheduled to convene an emergency meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia, to examine snowballing shipping hazards in the Gulf region.

In Teheran, the Iranian Foreign Ministry summoned the Saudi ambassador and delivered a "strongly worded" protest over Tuesday's daylight, in which the Saudis said they shot down one Iranian F-4 warplane over a small island near the Saudi eastern coastline.

The Iranian news agency (Irna) said the protest note warned the Saudis that if any such attack was repeated "Iran would retaliate severely."

According to Irna, the Iranian Foreign Ministry insisted that their plane was downed over international waters.

Stressing that the dogfight occurred over Saudi territorial waters, the government-guided media in the Gulf region hailed the downing of the Iranian jet as a "justified act of legitimate self-defence."

Perez de Cuellar due here Monday

'Positive' message hoped for from Arabs

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies

Israeli leaders are hoping to receive some positive messages from their Arab neighbours when UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrives in Israel for a two-day visit on Monday.

The UN leader is holding talks in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan before coming to Jerusalem at the end of a nine-day swing through the region, his first since he became secretary-general two-and-a-half years ago.

In Israel, he will meet twice with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Tuesday, said a spokesman for the premier.

"We will want to hear from him what messages he has brought from the Arab countries he is visiting. Hopefully there will be something positive," he said.

According to the spokesman, peace with Egypt and the situation in Lebanon, including the uneasy rela-

tions between the IDF and the UN peace-keeping forces in Southern Lebanon, will be among the topics to be discussed.

"We are anxious to discuss the role the UN can play in the region. UN troops are doing a fine job on the Golan Heights and in Sinai, where they are there with the agreement of both sides. But UNIFIL in Lebanon is not doing its job of stopping terrorist infiltration."

The spokesman stressed that Perez de Cuellar is considered to be an important visitor and will be greeted "with all due ceremony and honour." "But," he added, "on the other hand the UN's role in the Middle East is seen here as a diminished one and we don't have high hopes for the secretary-general's tour."

Perez de Cuellar arrived in Damascus yesterday to assess prospects for launching a new Middle East peace mission.

He said he wanted to hear from

Syrian President Hafez Assad "which way the UN can contribute to the solution of the problem."

He was met at Damascus airport by Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa.

Perez de Cuellar told reporters that he hoped to assess with the respective leaders of the five countries "to see which way we can contribute to accelerate this process of negotiation which I think has to be started as soon as possible."

"I am not bringing any miraculous idea for the solution of your problem, but what I really intend to do is to listen very carefully to the position of the government of Syria," he said.

The UN secretary-general, who has proposed an international conference on the Middle East problem under UN auspices, earlier told reporters in Cairo that he could put forward proposals of his own only after hearing the views of all the governments concerned.

C-o-S says press exaggerates Arab threat to Israel

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Israel's strategic position vis-à-vis its neighbours is not as ominous as recent headlines suggest, according to Chief of Staff Rav-Alut Moshe Levy.

Speaking to defence correspondents in Tel Aviv yesterday, the chief of staff took issue with the way the press had interpreted a briefing by the chief of military intelligence. He said the view that war was imminent that Egypt was directing its military effort against Israel was misleading.

Levy said that the Arab world is fragmented, and that those who see every Arab move as directed exclusively against Israel are guilty of simplification. For example, he said, the Iraq-Iran war is of no immediate consequence to Israel. Furthermore, while it was correct that the Egyptian Army was undergoing an accelerated modernization process, this could not be interpreted as being directed only against Israel.

On terrorism and the latest infiltration into the Golan Heights by four terrorists from Syria via Jordan, Levy cautioned that one "should see

things in their correct proportions." He said that it was impossible to say at this point whether the infiltration indicated a change in Syrian policy, or whether it was an isolated incident. Even if it was sanctioned by Syria," he said, "they did their utmost to play it down."

Explaining his attitude on the so-called Jewish underground, Levy said the issue is in the courts and that it is clear beyond the need for statement that this phenomenon is an aberrant one. With regard to the two Israel Defence Forces officers involved, he reported that after their

arrest, OC Central Command had tried them from their jobs (though they are still in the IDF).

On Lebanon, Levy said that politics and diplomacy would determine the future there, and that as far as he was concerned the IDF should stay in the area as long as necessary.

Levy did not rule out the possibility of an IDF redeployment in South Lebanon, but added "it is clear that we will be there for some time."

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Soldiers unhurt in 2 attacks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA — An explosive device blew up yesterday near an Israel Defence Forces unit moving on a road near Shohaya in the western sector of South Lebanon. In another incident in the area, light-arms fire was directed at an Israeli patrol. There were no casualties in either attack.

Next week in
The
Jerusalem Post:

The Wednesday, June 13 edition will feature a special section on Modern Living. The Post takes a look at the Modern Living Fair, a report on renovating your home by Benjamin Ziv, a look at Norwegian furniture, Italian kitchens and Israeli paper products, and a huge building exhibit with a difference — it's all done in miniature, a replica of the city.

On Thursday, June 14, a section in the paper will give Pets What You Want to Get! A house, of course! Plus, a report on pet food and what the law says about domestic animals.

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Peace Now denied TV coverage

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition by Peace Now for a court order instructing the Israel Broadcasting Authority to broadcast coverage of the movement's demonstration against the two-year Lebanon war and the alleged Jewish terrorism, scheduled for tomorrow night in Tel Aviv.

The petitioners sought to overturn the IBA's ruling that coverage of the event would constitute campaign propaganda forbidden until the July 23 Knesset election and thus would not be shown on television. The petition asked that the authority rescind this decision and weigh coverage of the demonstration according to professional journalistic criteria.

But the three-member bench, consisting of Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, and Justices Shlomo Levin and Eliezer Goldberg, ruled that the decision must be left up to the authority's director. It also ordered Peace Now to pay court costs totalling \$50,000.

Representing Peace Now, advocate Zali Reshef asked the court to reject the IBA's contention that the protest against the war was not newsworthy and moreover constituted campaign propaganda.

Justice Levin noted that the advertisement announcing the demonstration featured a picture of Ariel Sharon and asked: "What would you say, for example, if the Consumer Protection Association published a picture of (former finance minister) Yoram Aridor and said that this is the man responsible for the crash of

the bank shares? Wouldn't that be election propaganda?"

Reshef replied: "The Peace Now movement has been fighting for its goals for the past six years and didn't come into being yesterday. We don't ask for coverage of the advertisement, but of the demonstration itself."

Reshef then pointed out that Israel Television had broadcast coverage of last month's demonstration outside the Jerusalem police lock-up commemorating the fourth anniversary of the murders of six yeshiva students near Beit Hadassah in Hebron. "Why that demonstration Yes and our demonstration No? That's discriminatory," he said.

Justice Goldberg answered: "The Hebron murders do not raise differences of opinion, but the Lebanon war is a controversial topic."

Reshef disagreed: "Those murders also give rise to differing opinions concerning their background and their political results."

When Reshef contended that the IBA's decision harmed freedom of speech, Levin asked whether freedom of speech is the same as freedom to appear on television.

"No," said Reshef. "But the High Court has already ruled, in a series of judgments, that in the modern age the chance to appear on the state-run media represents an essential and vital element in freedom of speech. The Peace Now movement is extra-parliamentary and its ability to reach large segments of the public is de-

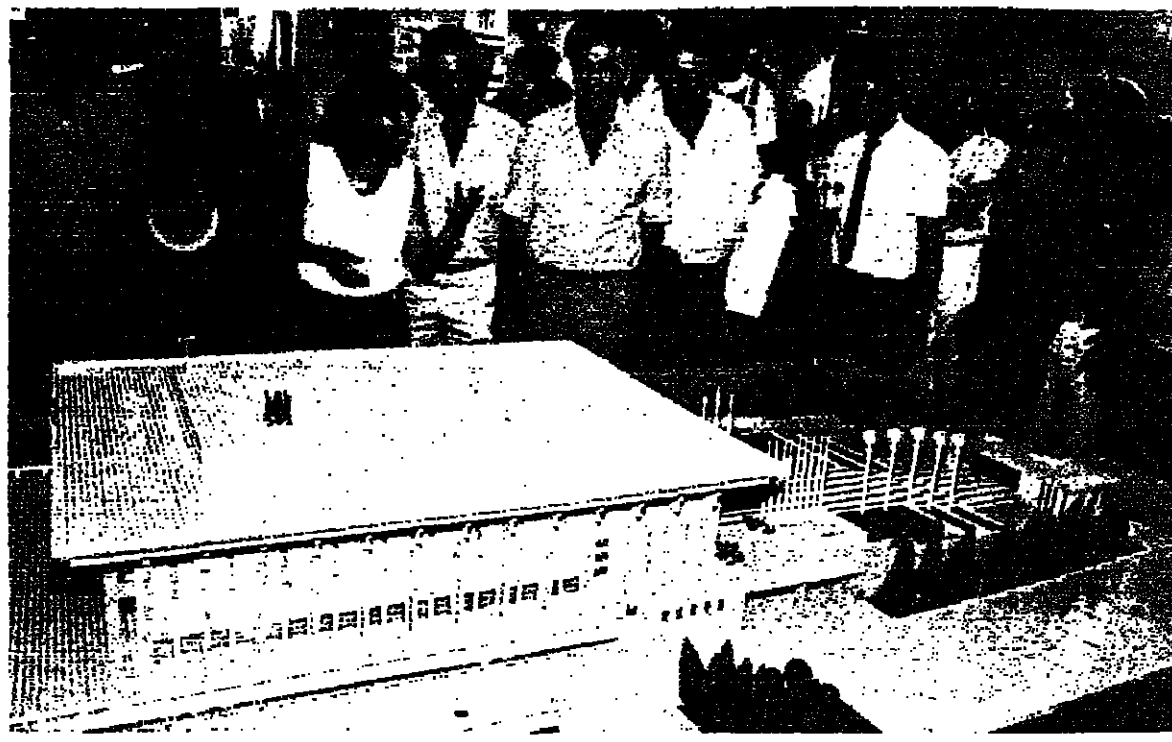
rived from the mass media. The IBA decision discriminates against the movement as compared with the political parties."

Presenting his case against the Peace Now petition, deputy state attorney Yosef Ben-Or noted that the Broadcasting Authority, as a matter of principle, does not give prior notification of its intention to film a demonstration. Such notification could influence the nature of the demonstration and the behaviour of its participants, he said.

Ben-Or asked the court not to turn itself into the editor of tomorrow night's *Mabat* news programme and decide what is worthy of being screened and what is not. The very fact of the demonstration is considered to be a news event and a television crew will be there "ready to cover any newsworthy or unusual incident worthy of being publicized," he said.

Ben-Or added that if Peace Now were to confine itself to demonstrating against Jewish terrorism, a topic that raises no serious disagreement, there would be no strictures on television coverage of the event. But the war raises public turmoil and this represents campaign propaganda, he said.

The justices accepted the state's position, noting that the IBA director is authorized to decide not to cover the demonstration. He was thus awarded a legally binding court opinion, and there was no reason to intervene in his "not unreasonable" decision, the court said. (11m)



Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres and members of his family pause at the miniature model of the Knesset built from 25,000 Lego bricks at the Man and his Home fair at the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds at the Hayarkon Park.

New security prison built near Nablus

NABLUS (Itim). - A new central prison for Judea and Samaria able to hold 1,000 security prisoners was ceremonially opened near here yesterday. Construction cost \$6.5 million. The prison has sophisticated equipment that makes it possible to reduce the number of warders and gives immediate warning of an effort to break out, the press was told.

Speaking at the ceremony, Interior Minister Yosef Burg said that society has an obligation to educate and help "the weak who have slipped and failed." The prison population has grown by 15 per cent because of "the success of the police and the failure of society," he said.

The small prison near Tulkarm with 80 inmates will be closed soon and prisoners held in police lockups will also be transferred to the new prison.

Liora Moriel Adds: About 500 security prisoners from the Beersheba prison will be moved to the new prison "in the next few weeks." Prison Commissioner Dr. Mordechai Wertheimer told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The area vacated in the Beersheba Prison will be renovated and become a separate jail, with its own chief warden, for detainees awaiting trial.

"We cannot handle them today, because there is overcrowding in Beersheba, and the police lockup in town has to bear the brunt," Wertheimer said. The new facility will hold 350 detainees.

Because of the unexpected increase in the number of prisoners this year, the Prisons Service is asking for permission to expand the Naftha prison near Mitze Ramon in the Negev by 140 units, he said.

CHOCOLATE. - Koor and Hevrat Ha'ovdim are to build by September 1985 a \$7 million chocolate factory in Safad that is expected to employ 150 people.

Jewish humour gets serious scrutiny

By LEV BEARFIELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - That Jews tell so many jokes about themselves is a sign of their self-confidence as a people, according to Tel Aviv University psychology professor Avner Ziv.

Ziv made this observation, which he attributed to the English humorist of Hungarian origin, George Mikes, during his keynote address at the First International Colloquium on Jewish Humour, which opened at the university yesterday.

The colloquium has drawn 150 participants from Israel and abroad, and ends this morning. It will be followed by the week-long Fourth International Congress on Humour, beginning on Sunday. Both gatherings are open to the public.

Ziv, chairman of the organizing committee for both, presented the first of 42 colloquium papers.

Jewish humour, he said, is marked by laughter in the face of disaster, by self-criticism - which he said is often mistaken for self-disparagement - and by self-defence. The latter, he said, takes the form of: "I'll attack myself before the anti-Semite does - and do it better."

Humour has been very useful to

Jews, because it promotes identity and cohesiveness, Ziv said. Jokes in Israel are highly political, "probably because we never had a government of our own to joke about." He expressed the hope that Israeli humour will "return to its psychologically healthy roots."

Jokes are a legitimate subject of inquiry for psychologists, Ziv said, since humour "is related to our intellectual, emotional and social life - precisely the things that psychology concerns itself with."

Sigmund Freud spent years compiling a collection of Jewish jokes, but never completed his book, Ziv said. Many psychologists have studied Jewish jokes and have pointed to what they considered a masochistic strain in them.

The Congress on Humour opens at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the university's Bar-Shira Auditorium with an address by Israeli humorist Ephraim Kishon. American newspaper columnist Art Buchwald has been forced to cancel his appearance at the congress for personal reasons, Ziv said. Next week's congress sessions will be held at Tel Aviv's Astoria Hotel.

Move to keep boats away from Egypt

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - In a move designed to curb violations of Egyptian territorial waters by Israeli vessels, the Transport Ministry has applied the seamen's section of the Maritime Law to small craft such as yachts and sailboats.

Now crew members will be responsible for their skippers and subject to disciplinary action in instances of subordination. The application of the law also empowers the ministry's Shipping and Ports Department to revoke sailing licences and take legal action in cases of abuses and dangerous sailing.

It is hoped that the threat of legal action will make both crews and skippers more careful not to sail into Egyptian waters.

The extension of the law to small craft follows several violations of Egyptian territorial waters, such as

the salvaging of a boat off the Sinai coast in April without Egyptian permission.

It is also felt that greater control over small craft in Eilat will make sailing safer in the area.

FM sanctions over wages

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Foreign Ministry workers started job sanctions yesterday at noon, and a warning strike planned for next week could disrupt the visit of UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The sanctions yesterday barred journalists and foreign diplomats from the ministry. They were applied after nearly five months of wage negotiations that collapsed when the Finance Ministry unilaterally decided on the \$10,000 grant to all civil servants who enjoy "special" wage payments. This was not acceptable to Foreign Ministry workers.

The sanctions declared by the ministry's staff committee came unexpectedly, and several meetings with foreign diplomats were cancelled.

The workers intend to go on strike for three days starting Monday unless the Finance Ministry resumes negotiations. If the strike threat is followed through, the UN chief's visit, scheduled to start on Tuesday, could be seriously disrupted.

Arabs rap Technion admissions plan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - The Arab students committee at the Technion yesterday appealed to the school's senate to reconsider its decision to grant a six-point entrance requirement benefit to candidates who have done military or any other form of national service.

The committee contends that the decision discriminates against Arabs, who neither serve in the Israel Defence Forces nor do national service, and will make it so difficult for them to enter the most sought faculties as to constitute a *numerus clausus*.

They noted that Arabs already comprise only seven per cent of the Technion's undergraduate student body though they account for 17 per cent of the country's population.

They noted that in the most popular faculty, electrical engineering, candidates need a combined 88-point average in their *bagrut* (matriculation) and entrance examinations. If no points are granted to Jewish students, it would raise the Arabs' requirement to an almost unattainable 94 points.

The Technion spokesman has denied any intention of discrimination. He said the Senate had decided to compensate the men who spent three or more years in military or national service.

Harsher sentences on 5 'brutal' IDF jailers

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A sergeant-major at the Israel Defence Forces detention centre and four Military Police jailers were given stiffer sentences yesterday by a military court of appeals after having earlier confessed to charges of brutality.

The sergeant-major had been convicted of beating an inmate who refused to have his hair cut, and had been sentenced to a suspended prison term of four months and reduced in rank to sergeant. The appeals court judges further lowered his

rank to private yesterday after describing his actions as "ugly" and "degrading."

The incident took place after the inmate, who insisted on having his hair cut by his own barber, had been sent to the camp's lock-up. When the inmate's guards tried forcibly to cut the soldier's hair, the sergeant-major began beating him, and continued, even after the inmate had been placed in handcuffs.

The appeals judges, in passing sentence, cited the fact that the in-

cident took place on the inmate's first day in the army.

Of the four military policemen, one had originally been sentenced to one month in jail, and the rest to suspended sentences on the charges of brutality against prisoners. All were lowered in rank to private.

The first defendant, a sergeant, who had originally been sentenced to one month in jail, now had his sentence increased to three months. With another five months suspended. His lowering in rank to private was upheld. He was cited for having beaten a prisoner who insulted him, and hitting another prisoner who spoke to his table mate during a meal.

The other three jailers had their sentences increased to one month in prison and another four months suspended. Their lowering in rank to private was also upheld.

One of them, a sergeant, had been convicted of slapping a prisoner hard enough to cause an ear injury that required medical treatment.

The other two, both corporals, had been convicted of beating a prisoner who was making noise.

Fire destroys courthouse

RAMAT GAN (Itim). - The municipal courthouse here, scene of an arson attempt half a year ago, was destroyed by a fire on Wednesday night. The police are investigating the cause of the blaze and of the strong explosions heard by neighbours at about 3:30 a.m., just before the fire broke out.

Gov't workers in territories enforce sanctions

Government employees in Judea and Samaria yesterday took work action in support of a demand that their wages be made equal to those paid in the security services. As a result of the work action, the employees are not keeping in contact

with the military government.

Earlier this week, the employees held an unsuccessful one-day strike, the chairman of the committee of Israeli government employees in Judea and Samaria, Danny Kobi, told the press yesterday.

Sharir: travel tax to end soon

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The travel tax will soon be abolished, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir promised yesterday. He did not give a date.

Speaking at a joint news conference with French Tourism Minister Roland Carrez, who was concluding a visit as guest of the Tourism Ministry, Sharir said that just as the

French currency restrictions for its nationals travelling abroad have been limited in time, so too was Israel's travel tax temporary.

Carrez noted that there was a good flow of tourists between the two countries.

Topics discussed by the two ministers included cooperation in the realm of spa tourism and in the use of computers in tourism.

Emergency plan worked out to get Hadassah more nurses

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An emergency plan for the immediate recruitment of operating theatre nurses was worked out yesterday by the Hadassah Medical Centres' chief of nursing services, Edna Garfunkel and Nurses Union head, Mordechai Shoshak. The plan, which has been approved by the Hadassah's management to close some of the centres' operating theatres.

The two women also drafted a long-range programme to overcome the shortage, which is expected to become more acute as summer vacations create more work absences.

More than 30 patients requiring surgery, 20 of them for malignant

tumours, were sent home last week. More than three months ago, Hadassah unsuccessfully warned the Health Ministry it needs 50 nurses to fill vacancies, the hospital's spokeswoman, Margalit Toledano, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Earlier this week, the ministry's director-general, Professor Baruch Modan, expressed surprise over the closures.

Toledano said that Hadassah has advertised for nurses and last month suggested that nurses be hired from the Philippines to alleviate the shortage. However, the ministry said it would not give them licences, although nurses from other countries are given licences. Toledano said.

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Nazareth	55	17-30	35		
Afula	74	18-33	35		
Sharon	39	18-30	31		
Tel Aviv	53	20-27	37		
B-G Airport	53	18-29	31		
Jericho	41	22-30	38		
Qaza	83	19-25	27		
Beersheva	32	17-33	33		
Eilat	16	23-40	40		

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Italian ambassador and Mrs. Corrado Taliani yesterday held a garden party at their residence in Tel Binyamin to mark Italy's National Day.

The Hitadut Olei Britannia is organizing a mini-seminar on "How to cope in Israel" for English-speaking olim in the north from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Meadon, 8 Wedgwood St. Haifa.

ARRIVALS

Frieda S. Lewis, National President, Hadassah the Women's Zionist Organization of America, for meetings of the Zionist General Council, Jewish Agency, World Confederation of United Zionists and other Hadassah businesses.

Sappers safely dismantle bomb in Jerusalem

An explosive device weighing one kilogram was safely dismantled by police sappers yesterday outside the Bank Hapoalim branch in Jerusalem's French Hill neighbourhood. The device was discovered by a bank employee who noticed a suspicious plastic bag near the automatic teller. He immediately notified the police, who arrived within minutes. (Itim)

SOVIET JEWS

(Continued from Page One)

on a Western radio broadcast, declared the signatories' intention to emigrate and explained that they want to leave the Soviet Union only to be reunited with relatives, and not out of political protests. Tukachinsky said.

All three men have been trying to leave for Israel since 1979 or 1980. Tukachinsky's wife, who received permission to leave in 1981 when pregnant with the couple's daughter, lives in Jerusalem.

Soviet Jewish emigration plummeted last year to just over 1,300 against a maximum of more than 51,000 in 1979, and has been accompanied by what Soviet Jews say is more discrimination against them at home.

Honegger cancelled

The Israel Festival has cancelled the three performances of Honegger's "dramatic Psalm," *Le Roi David*, scheduled for next week.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Beirut fighting kills five, parliament postpones vote

BEIRUT. — The Lebanese parliament failed to hold a predicted vote yesterday after night-long rocket and artillery duels in and around Beirut left five civilians dead and 11 wounded.

Police said 13 persons, mostly civilians, have been killed and 30 others wounded since the parliament opened its debate Tuesday on Prime Minister Rashid Karamé's proposals to reunify the country and end its nine-year civil war.

Deputy parliament speaker Mounir Abu Fadel said another session was scheduled for Monday after several more deputies requested to speak.

The three days of meetings also brought the daily closure of the museum crossing, the only open gateway between the Christian eastern and the Moslem western sectors of the capital, forcing businesses to close or cut down working hours because employees were unable to cross to their jobs.

The government's difficulties sent the Lebanese pound tumbling to more than six pounds to the U.S.

dollar. Financial sources said the central bank intervened for the second straight day, spending \$29 million to prop up the pound after it slipped to 6.14 in hectic trading before steadying at 6.06. On Wednesday the bank spent \$31 million, the sources said.

Al-Amal, the rightist Christian Phalange party newspaper, said French ambassador Fernand Wibeaux warned President Amin Jemayel that France would be compelled to withdraw its true observer force if violence persists. A member

of the force was killed by sniper fire Wednesday. Police said no one has claimed responsibility for a bomb weighing about 400 grams that went off at the entrance of the Saudi Arabian consulate in the Manara neighbourhood in West Beirut shortly before midnight Wednesday. The bomb, and a mortar shell which hit the compound earlier in the night, caused minor damage but no casualties.

The Saudi Embassy evacuated its staff and shut down its operations in Beirut shortly after last February's round of civil war. (AP, Reuter)

Election tribunal postpones action on anti-Kach petitions

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Central Elections Committee yesterday deferred discussion on the possible banning of the controversial Kach list from the Knesset race. Requests to disqualify the list, headed by Rabbi Meir Kahane, have been lodged by the Alignment, the Citizens Rights Movement and Shinui.

Speaking for the committee, its chairman, Justice Gavriel Bach, told reporters that the Kach question will be taken up when the committee meets again on June 17.

Bach also said that since he has not yet received an official communication from Defence Minister Moshe

Arens regarding the Progressive List for Peace, the committee is not receptive to applications from Knesset members Geula Cohen, who wishes to see the PLP disqualified, and advocate Amnon Zichroni, who is defending the party's right to be listed.

(On June 1, the Defence Ministry's legal adviser notified the Jewish-Arab "Progressive" list that the minister is considering issuing an order under the Defence Emergency Regulations of 1945, declaring the list an illegal organization. If that is done an official application may be made to the Central Elections Committee to have the list removed from the Knesset elections roster.)

Sohar: Labour and Likud will take savings

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Both the Likud and the Alignment, despite their promises to the contrary, will have no choice but to take away people's savings, Professor Ezra Sohar of the Atzma'ut (Independence) party predicted at a news conference yesterday.

"The government has more than \$60 billion in debts, foreign and domestic, and when people want to take money out of their savings accounts the government simply won't have it to give them," Sohar said.

Murder defence alleges 'hostile meddling'

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The attorney of the Eilon Moreh resident charged with murdering an 11-year-old girl in a Nabulus bakery last November alleged in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday that elements hostile to the state intervened in the initial phases of the investigation.

Advocate Michael Caspi, who is defending Yosef Harnoi, 38, declined, however, to give any details, because of defence tactics.

The trial of Harnoi and Efraim Segal, 27, also of Eilon Moreh opened on Monday. The most serious charge against Segal is that of being an accomplice after the fact by allegedly having driven Harnoi away from the scene of the crime.

At the start of yesterday's session Harnoi asked the court to see that he be provided with a dairy diet in accordance with his doctor's orders. Segal demanded that he be separated from lockup inmates who smoke, arguing that the law against smoking in public places also applies in lockups.

Judges Uri Strosman, Zvi Hacohen and Haim Adar postponed the session until Harnoi was given

the special food he needs.

When the hearing resumed the father and brother of the murdered girl, Aisha al-Bahsh, appeared as witnesses for the prosecution.

The father, Adnan al-Bahsh, said that the killing occurred in the bakery while he was on his knees praying, with his head touching the floor. He said a man entered and fired several rounds from an Uzi submachine gun at his two daughters, who were helping him in the bakery. The killer, he testified, said something in Hebrew and left, shooting into the air.

In answer to a question by prosecutor Edna Arbel, he said that he asked the gunman "What's the matter" and then saw his daughter slump to the floor, her face covered with blood.

The father described the killer as fat, of broad stature and especially tall. He did not recall the man's hair colour, but did say he was not a redhead.

The girl's brother testified that he found a cartridge on the bakery floor four days after the murder and that he gave it to the police in Nabulus.



Alignment leaders former president Yitzhak Navon, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres and former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin (from left to right) kick off the Alignment's election campaign in Jerusalem at the Manahat sports arena last night. (Isaac Harari)

Alignment campaign kicks off

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The top leadership of the Alignment came to Jerusalem last night for the opening of the election campaign.

Mapam leader Victor Shemtov, the first to speak, had the harshest anti-Likud rhetoric. "They, the Likud, don't deserve to be hated. We'll make them look tiny yet. They deserve pity for their ineptitude," he declared in a strident voice.

Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin gave an impassioned speech about defence and how Israel could get out of Lebanon without making any sacrifices to security. Former president Yitzhak Navon talked about people, ethnic gaps, and the moral standards he said the country needs.

Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres summed it all up, and promised that the Alignment would neither

harm the real value of wages nor touch people's savings. Promising a revamping of the economy, he said: "If you're asking where the money will come from I say, the Likud spent \$9 billion on settlements in the West Bank, the Lebanon War and Arafat's follies...that's where the money will be saved."

There were well over a 1,000 people in the audience at the Manahat sports arena, with a large group sitting on rows of seats on the basketball court. But nearly a third of the bright orange seats on the bleachers were empty.

Possibly the loudest applause went to any mention of the word "unity." All the speakers referred to the podium where "we are all together," and that's what the crowd of the Alignment faithful in Jerusalem most liked to hear.

Beduin gets year's jail for assaulting Jewish boy

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFULA. — A resident of the Beduin Kfar Shibli village at the foot of Mt. Tabor was yesterday sentenced to a year in prison and given a year's suspended sentence for assaulting and reviling a Jewish boy.

The man, Yusef Shibli, 22, and a friend were grazing their flocks in fields near their village when two boys from Kfar Tavor came walking through the fields. Shibli attacked

one of them, slapping him and saying: "What are you two doing here? Why are you walking on our land? There'll be another war and your father will die. Then we'll come and take your houses and your mothers."

In passing sentence, Afula Magistrate Court Judge Oded Gershon said that Shibli's words and deeds had damaged the existing good relations between the Arabs of his village and the Jews of Kfar Tavor.

Premature twins get incubators in Hadera

HADERA (Itim). — A pair of newly and prematurely born twins made a three-and-a-half hour journey in their mobile incubator on the eve of Shavuot from Soroka Hospital in Beersheba to the neonatal intensive-care unit in Hadera's Hillel Yoffe Hospital because there was no room for them in Beersheba.

The twins, weighing 1,250 kilograms and 1,450 kilograms, ended up in Hadera after doctors in Beersheba called hospitals with neonatal

intensive-care units in Rehovot, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Petah Tikva without any luck. By chance, two incubators were available in Hillel Yoffe Hospital.

Dr. Shmuel Yurman, head of the neonatal intensive-care unit in Hillel Yoffe said: "it is paradoxical that more and more women are giving birth to live premature babies at a time when the intensive-care units are unable to cope with this growing number."

Treasury seeks IS 4 billion to prop up fuel subsidies

By AVITEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Delays in fuel price hikes yesterday forced the government to ask the Knesset Finance Committee for some IS4 billion to prop up fuel subsidies. This comes on the heels of a similar request by the Finance Ministry for IS2.3 billion at the end of May.

The pace of fuel price hikes has lagged behind both the inflation and devaluation rates since last month. The ministry did not plan such a slowdown and its budget division has admitted that it opposes large subsidies for fuel.

At yesterday's meeting the committee approved a 10-per-cent rise in electricity rates, retroactive from May 31.

The committee also approved the

two-year savings schemes based on bank shares recently proposed by the Finance Ministry and the tax relief regulations for industrial workers on the second and third shifts.

During the meeting, the Alignment members requested a revision on the committee's approval of a IS42 million transfer for Agudat Yisrael institutions linked to the Vaisnitz Rebbe. At a meeting last week attended only by committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz (Aguda) and Yitzhak Seiger (Likud-Liberal), the two Knesset Members approved the transfer, despite an order not to make absolute by the High Court of Justice forbidding such payments. After the vote, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir was forced to step in and instruct the Finance Ministry not to transfer the funds.

Ben-Elissar, not Shamir, initiated Mubarak meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Elihu Ben-Elissar's meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak earlier this week was at his own initiative, not Prime Minister Shamir's, informed sources in Jerusalem said yesterday. If the meeting was an election ploy, it was entirely Ben-Elissar's, they said.

According to these sources, Ben-Elissar sought the meeting without Shamir's prior approval. When the prime minister heard about it, he asked Ben-Elissar to convey a message to the Egyptian president. Ben-Elissar is said to be vying for the post of foreign minister if the Likud forms the next government, and felt a meeting with Mubarak would enhance his standing in any eventual

jockeying for this position, the sources said.

He tried to sell Shamir the idea of a summit meeting with Mubarak, like Menachem Begin's meeting with President Anwar Sadat before the 1981 election. Shamir was said to be cool to the idea, as were the Egyptians, who remember that immediately after the Begin-Sadat meeting Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor, embarrassing the Egyptian president in the Arab world.

Mubarak was said to have agreed to the meeting with Ben-Elissar because he had recently seen Labour's Abba Eban and felt he could not decline a request from the Likud personality without seeming partisan about Israel's elections.

Kollek gets honorary Harvard degree

By MARTHA MEISELS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts. — Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday received an honorary doctorate of laws from Harvard University in commencement exercises held in the tree-shaded Harvard Yard before more than 20,000 new graduates, alumni and guests.

Kollek was cited as a man of "courage, steadfastness and common sense in administration of one of the world's most famous cities."

The mayor was one of 11 persons honoured in Harvard's 333rd commencement, along with King Juan

Carlos of Spain, historian Barbara Tuchman and the jazz clarinetist Benny Goodman, the "King of Swing."

It was Kollek's fifth honorary doctorate, the others being from the Hebrew University, Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana; Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island; and the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

Kollek told *The Jerusalem Post* he considered the award more an honour for Jerusalem than for him personally. He said it was academic recognition of the success of Jewish-Arab coexistence in Jerusalem.

Censor bans article by Natorei Karta spokesman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The military censor has banned an article by Rabbi Moshe Hirsch, self-appointed "foreign minister" of Natorei Karta, intended for publication in the East Jerusalem English-language weekly edition of the Arabic *Al-Fajr* newspaper.

The article, commissioned by *Al-Fajr*, sets out to define the differences, as Rabbi Hirsch sees them, between the Orthodox Natorei Karta movement and the Orthodox Gush Emunim movement.

with some passion the theological and political differences between Natorei Karta, which is anti-Zionist, and Gush Emunim, which places the State of Israel very high in its scale of values. Nothing Hirsch wrote has anything to do with security.

A formal response from the Israel Defence Forces spokesman was not provided. The commander of the censor's office in Jerusalem said that he refused to respond to questions about the issue, since "I do not talk about my relations with other newspapers."

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Botha's Namibia bid baffles analysts

JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa's offer to withdraw from Namibia (South West Africa) if the West takes over the territory is a surprising move, which appears to conflict with the aim of Prime Minister P.W. Botha's current European tour to boost South Africa's image, political analysts said yesterday.

Botha said in West Berlin on Wednesday that South Africa had offered to leave Namibia if members of the five-nation contact group seeking a negotiated settlement for the territory took over its administration and defence. The five are the U.S., Britain, France, West Germany and Canada.

But he said he does not expect the offer — which officials said was couched with Pretoria's original demand for the removal of Cuban troops from Angola — to be taken up.

"You can see it (the offer) underlining Pretoria's position that it wants to get out of the territory. But it is far from being in the best interests of Pretoria, given the aims of (Botha's) mission," Michael Spicer of the South African Institute of International Affairs said yesterday. "You can see it being a useful

weapon against the left wing in Europe, which says Pretoria is sucking the blood from Namibia, but it does make the prime minister look rather silly," another analyst said.

South Africa has said recently it can no longer afford to run the vast, mineral-rich territory, which it rules in defiance of UN resolutions. It says it spends \$525 million a year on Namibia, plus a huge security bill.

The U.S. said last night that its position remains that UN Resolution 435 is still the internationally accepted basis for a settlement of the Namibia dispute. Under that resolution, a UN transition assistance group would lead the former German colony to independence. But progress towards independence has been stalled by South Africa's continuing insistence that withdrawal of an estimated 25,000 Cuban troops from neighbouring Angola must be tied to an accord.

South Africa is currently completing the disengagement of its troops from southern Angola in what is seen as the first stage towards an independence settlement. But analysts said they do not foresee Namibian independence before 18

months at the earliest.

Botha's offer to turn the territory over to the contact group could indicate that Pretoria sees a much longer transition period than the west hopes for, they added.

The latest South African idea was also rejected by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), which has fought a long bush war against the South African army.

Swapo leader Sam Nujoma told reporters in Stockholm: "Swapo rejects the notion of Namibia becoming a joint colony of other imperialist powers."

In Ottawa, a Canadian External Affairs spokesman said: "The time is long overdue for Namibians to handle their own affairs and therefore we reiterate our call to South Africa to implement the UN independence plan without further delay."

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, currently in Syria, has instructed his special envoy on Namibia to seek clarification of Botha's remarks, a UN spokesman said.

Meanwhile in Vienna yesterday, a study published by a Dutch anti-apartheid group found that much of South Africa's oil needs are being met illegally, with many shippers and traders circumventing sales bans declared by petroleum producers.

Openeo, the news agency run by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said a survey compiled by the Amsterdam-based Shipping Research Bureau identified 57 tankers delivering nearly 3,500 billion gallons — about half South Africa's needs — between July 1981 and January 1983.

The survey said "South African authorities conclude secret deals with oil and shipping companies and traders who falsify documents and report false destinations," according to Openeo.

"The main oil exporting area is the Arabian Gulf — 40 of these 57 tankers sailed directly to South Africa from this region," a press release accompanying the survey said.

Most oil exporting countries, including all Opec members, have declared an embargo on sales to South Africa in protest of its apartheid policies.

It said the survey identified shipping companies in Norway, the Netherlands, the U.S. and West Germany as "appearing to be most deeply involved in the clandestine operations," (Reuters, AP)

EASY MONEY — The World Bank has announced a 50-year interest-free loan of \$36 million to Bangladesh to assist in the upgrading of its engineering and technical schools.

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Five publicly executed in Libya, dissidents say

LONDON (Reuters). — Five people have been publicly hanged and scores of people have been arrested in Libya since the beginning of the week, a group of Libyan dissidents said on Wednesday.

A spokesman for the National Front for the Salvation of Libya (NFSL) said the hangings "by the Libyan regime, of people it considers opponents or dissidents" took place without trial.

Two men were hanged last Sunday

in Nalut, south of Tripoli, a third was hanged on Monday in Timzeen, near Nalut, and two more were hanged on Tuesday in Benghazi, the spokesman said.

"We expect this will continue because they have rounded up hundreds accused of being terrorists and agents of foreign powers," he said. His group estimated that up to 1,500 had been arrested over the past four to six weeks.

Polish police raid illegal printing centre

WARSAW (AP). — Security police raided an underground publishing centre in Warsaw and detained 15 persons, the Polish news agency PAP said.

The report, published in most Polish newspapers on Wednesday, said the raid took place Tuesday.

The 15 detained were members of an underground publishing group known as "Oficyna We" or "We Publishers," PAP said.

They were involved in printing and distributing illegal "opposition

publications," PAP said. The news agency did not elaborate on what the publications were. Two of those detained were students at Warsaw University, the news agency said.

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Western leaders gather for summit

LONDON (Reuters). — Leaders of the seven most powerful Western nations yesterday conferred privately here before their annual summit talks on urgent global economic and political problems.

President Ronald Reagan met with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and arranged other advance talks with the Italian, West German and French leaders. The formal sessions were to begin last night.

In addition to Reagan and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the other leaders attending the talks are Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, French President Francois Mitterrand, German Federal Republic Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi. The meetings are to adjourn tomorrow.

Olympic chief pins blame on Carter

MADRID (AP). — The head of the International Olympic Committee said yesterday that former U.S. president Jimmy Carter's decision to boycott the 1980 Olympics in Moscow led to the Soviet Union's staying away from this summer's games in Los Angeles.

IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch, who was Spain's ambassador to the Soviet Union at the time of the American-led boycott of the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, said in an interview with a Madrid newspaper that the Soviets would not have walked out of the Los Angeles games if the U.S. had gone to the Moscow games.

"That's why I feel that President Carter has been the man who hurt the Olympic movement hardest," Samaranch said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Kidnapped Sri Lankan rescued in Philippines

MANILA (Reuters). — A Sri Lankan kidnapped by Moslem extremists in the southern Philippines has been rescued unharmed after being held for almost 300 days, a Sri Lankan embassy spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said Sumith de Silva, 36, was rescued two days ago by a joint Philippine Army and constabulary team.

De Silva was held captive for a total of 297 days by the Moslem secessionist Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) which had been demanding a one million peso (\$55,000) ransom. He was kidnapped along with a female companion who was later freed.

The Sri Lankan worked for an American company conducting seismic surveys on Mindanao.

He was found on the outskirts of Matanog, on Mindanao island, and was expected in Manila yesterday, the embassy spokesman added.

The spokesman gave no details of how de Silva was rescued but added that he was expected to be flown home tomorrow.

Heavy floods cover northern Caucasus region

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Serious flooding has hit the North Caucasus region of the Soviet Union, cutting off villages and farms and flooding mines, the Communist Party daily *Pravda* reported Wednesday.

It said five major rivers had overflowed their banks in the North Ossetia region, submerging vast areas of farmland and leaving more than 300,000 sheep cut off on islands of dry land.

In the town of Sadon, water had poured into the shafts of four lead mines and halted operations, *Pravda* added.

The floods were the worst the region had ever known and followed continual rain for several weeks.

Sikh protesters close Indian consulate in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP). — Sikh protesters on Wednesday blocked entrances to the Indian consulate, shutting it. They burned Indian flags and an effigy of Indira Gandhi before leaving to mourn for their leader.

After three days of demonstrations the protesters would spend yesterday in mourning for Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, leader of the sect and reportedly among the victims of recent strife in the Punjab.

"Peaceful" protests will resume, Neel said, after a meeting at the local Sikh temple, but for now "we're hoping to keep everything quiet."

Striking British miners stage protest at Parliament

LONDON (Reuters). — More than 8,000 British miners marched on Parliament yesterday to lobby politicians debating a three-month-old strike in the state-run coal industry.

The miners, fighting plans to shut down unprofitable pits and axe 20,000 jobs, chanted slogans and carried placards denouncing Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government.

International labour group picks first woman president

GENEVA (Reuters). — Swedish Labour Minister Anna-Greta Leijon, 45, was on Wednesday elected president of the International Labour Organization's annual assembly — the first woman ever to hold the office.

In an acceptance speech to some 1,600 delegates from 133 countries, she called for a joint stand by governments, employers and workers around the world in defence of trade union rights which she said were being increasingly eroded for ideological and other reasons.

Posthumous rank of marshal for French Resistance chief

PARIS (Reuters). — The French government, on the 40th anniversary of D-Day, on Wednesday conferred the posthumous rank of Marshal of France on General Marie-Pierre Koenig, former commander-in-chief of French Resistance forces.

A cabinet spokesman said Koenig, who died in 1970 aged 77, had been elevated to France's highest military rank because of his services to the nation.

Koenig, a former defence minister, was victor of an historic battle at Bir Hakeim in the Western Desert and later Free French leader General Charles de Gaulle's chief of staff before being appointed to head the French Forces of the Interior in 1944.

Koenig was a staunch friend of the Zionist cause and of Israel, especially following his experience with the Palestinian (Jewish) troops of the British Army in the Bir Hakeim battle.

Argentine inflation climbs to record 568 per cent

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Argentina's cost of living increased by 568.2 per cent in the last 12 months, a new inflation record for the country, according to official figures issued on Wednesday.

The previous year-on-year record, 522.7 per cent, was reached in April.

The Economy Ministry said that in May alone, prices rose by 17.1 per cent, slightly down from April's 18.5 per cent but well above the 9.1 per cent increase in May last year.

The cost of living in the first five months of 1984 rose by 119.6 per cent.

2 killed as gang storms prison in revenge raid

AJACCIO, Corsica (Reuters). — Corsican nationalists yesterday made a daring raid on a prison here, killing two inmates they suspected of involvement in the disappearance and murder of their leader, police said.

Three heavily-armed men, two of them dressed as policemen, burst into the jail in the city centre soon after dawn as the garbage was put out.

Two other men in the gang — all members of the outlawed Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) — stood guard outside as the attackers raced through the prison, opening

cell doors and taking two guards hostage.

The raiders killed inmates Jean-Marie Leccia and Salvatore Contini, because they considered them to be prime suspects in the 1983 disappearance of FLNC leader Guy Orsoni, police chief Robert Brusard said.

Police detained the two men outside the prison as the gunmen continued to hold two guards hostage inside and negotiated for nearly five hours before surrendering. All five were armed with submachine guns, grenade launchers and pistols. No inmates escaped.

Sports

Lloyd sails through

PARIS (Reuters). — Chris Evert-Lloyd reached the final of the French Open tennis championship for the seventh time yesterday with a 6-0 6-40 destruction of unseeded American Camille Benjamin in an embarrassing one-sided semifinal.

Five-time champion Lloyd raced through the match in 39 minutes, conceding a mere 15 points in the process to the bespectacled teenager who was obviously overawed by the occasion. It would be cruel to suggest the contest was not as close as the scoreline suggests, but 17-year-old Benjamin, one of several up-and-coming black players, and competing in the biggest match of her short life, admitted sadly, "I didn't do anything right, I couldn't have done worse."

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A RE-RUN IN REVERSE

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Eli Landau (Rubinger)



Shlomo Lahat (Israel Sun)



Rafael Eitan (Karlinsky)



Mordechai Zipori (Farag)



Yigal Cohen-Orgad (Scoop 80)

THERE'S SOMETHING very familiar about the first campaign advertisements from the major parties. Labour's opening publicity shot is a photograph of a smiling child, with the legend, "There's hope," while the Likud ads feature a series of ordinary people backing their party. If the ad campaigns remind one of the 1981 race in reverse, it's because Labour now employs Zvi Friedman and Avner Barel, whose Keshet-Barel ad agency handled the Likud in '81, while current Likud adviser Bob Arroyo's Tal-Arroyo was in charge of "Aleph - Citizens for Peres" the last time around.

Eliezer Zurabin of Dahaf, another member of the 1981 Labour advertising brain trust, is now on the Likud side. He's said to be the author of the Likud's slogan, "We are the national camp," which has prompted Labour chairman Shimon Peres to ask: "How can they talk of nationalism, and at the same time divide the nation into opposing camps?"

The answer to Peres's question came from Ariel Sharon. The minister without portfolio told students at the Technion in Haifa that "one camp is the People of Israel, and the other is Labour." In apparent disregard of the fair election pledges made a few days earlier by Labour's Moshe Shalom and the Likud's Ronnie Milo, the two parties' information chiefs, Arik went on to declare: "What hope of security do the children of Moshav Avivim and the babies of Nahariya expect from Labour?"

MEANWHILE, Eli Landau has taken time off from his duties as mayor of Herzliya to join Sharon in the Likud's "special effects" department. The former Sharon aide "clarified" a Sharon quote to a reporter this week. According to Landau, Sharon never said that he'd be "wearing mailed boots" for the campaign. The correct quote, says Mayor Landau, is "I won't be wearing my slippers."

I've learned that one of Landau's major tasks will be organizing the 1984 version of "Sharon-tours." Instead of taking potential Likud supporters to Judea and Samaria, as they did in 1981, the team this time will organize bus tours of the northern border.

PERISH THE THOUGHT DEPT. Former chief of staff Rafael (Rafael) Eitan, Tehiya's No. 2 candidate (after Minister of Science and Technology Yuval Ne'eman), told a Tel Aviv rally this week: "Only when we've been in Lebanon for six years will the people be able to make a proper comparison with the six years the IDF stayed on the banks of the Suez Canal."

LABOUR'S political and defence platform reflects the hawkish views of its drafter, Ya'acov Tzur, the MK from Kibbutz Hamehad, whose movement has produced some Tehiya candidates.

A NUMBER of top Likud people are unhappy with the way their party has launched its campaign. Criticism comes from La'am Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, Liberal MKs Pinhas Goldstein and Ariel Weinstein, and Herut's Gideon Gadiot, in charge of Likud TV strategy. Meanwhile, the aides of campaign chief Deputy Premier David Levy and information boss Ronnie Milo are busy telling newsmen the other guy is to blame. Levy, we've been told, is angry that Milo vetoed the use of his picture in the Likud's ads.

SECURITY is tighter than at the Dimona nuclear reactor at the Tal-Arroyo offices on Rehov Huberman in Tel Aviv, and at Keshet-Barel's hired premises on the third floor of the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel. But that didn't prevent a brief "Watergate-that-wasn't" episode this week, when Menahem Golan, on leave from Ma'ariv to write copy for the Alignment, discovered what he thought was a listening device on a phone in Room 308 at the Sheraton. Assuming the mantle of Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, the intrepid Golan called in the police, who said that the "foreign body" was merely a left-over bell.

I SEE THAT Shimon Peres has once

again imported Manhattan election campaign expert David Sawyer at great cost, overriding colleagues' advice not to repeat the mistake he made in 1981 of thinking like so many Israelis that all things imported are automatically better. So far Sawyer has told reporters that "the Likud will aim at a tough campaign." For that they had to fly someone in from New York? The Likud organizers know better, apparently, because this time they dispensed with the equally costly services of Sawyer's rival, David Garth.

IN HERUT they're wondering whether Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori was a victim of the party's dirty-tricks division. It appears that after MK Michael Kleiner appealed against his own low placement on the party list, the computer cards from the internal elections were re-checked, and while his complaint was found to have no foundation, it emerged that there was a discrepancy in the actual count of Zipori's votes and the number accorded him by party officials. He was pushed down to No. 29, while he should have been No. 27.

Talking of dirty-tricks, when Ronnie Milo was asked whether the Likud would be aiming blows below the belt, he reported: "It depends how low the belt is." The latest popularity poll of Mod'im Ha'ezerach's Sara Shemer places Yitzhak Navon ahead of Yitzhak Shamir in the premiership category, puts

Labour's Gad Ya'acobi higher than Yigal Cohen-Orgad in the choice for finance minister, and Abba Eban well ahead of all contenders for foreign minister, with Moshe Arens leading the field as choice for defence minister.

In Herut they say Arens is the main beneficiary of the election campaign - Sharon will be too busy to attack him. Incidentally, Shamir held three portfolios this week. In addition to the premiership and foreign affairs, he took charge of defence while Arens was in the U.S. It's said that Arens stipulated that Shamir no longer appoint Zipori in his place as hitherto.

When Shamir lauded fellow Likud ministers and MKs this week and described the Likud's seven years as "an era of equal opportunities for all," was he also thinking of such cases of *protektzia* as the granting of 300 plots in Kochav Yair at below cost to Likudniks, or Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper awarding 50 dunams of farm land in the Mod'im area due soon for re-zoning to his pal, Farmers' Association director Shlomo Reizman.

FINANCE MINISTER Yigal Cohen-Orgad has been saying he doesn't think there's any need for a special Economic Co-ordination Ministry, set up in 1981 for Ya'acov Meridor. State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik has never issued a report on that ministry. Could it be that it has nothing to report?

HEBREW UNIVERSITY sociology researcher Gideon Aran has completed his PhD thesis on "Gush Emunim - Secular and Sacred Politics." It is based on a number of years of research as a "participating observer" (or sociological spy) with the "Believers' Front." He discovered that the Gush had its origins in 1948 among a group of 14-year-old members of Bnei Akiva at Kfar Haro'eh, where they formed a secret society. The youth movement leader of the group was Rabbi Haim Druckman and members included Moshe Levinger and a new one from America named Eliezer Waldman. I gather that the material will be published as a book later this year.

SHULAMIT ALONI has been getting a spate of threatening letters, all to do with her strictures on the responsibility of Gush Emunim's spiritual leaders. Levinger and Waldman, for the terrorist cells. Incidentally, her CRM list has the heaviest concentration of academics, including 10 architects and a sizeable contingent from Tel Aviv University - among them Benny Temkin, Dina Goren, Yonathan Shapiro and Boaz Mev.

YAHAD, Ezer Weizman's party, started its own "election economics" by distributing free fruit to Jerusalemites during Shavuot in Sacher Park. Party spokesman Zvi Rimmon said the fruit was a gift from moshavniks in the north.

IN ALL the hubbub over the deadline for submitting Knesset lists last week, no one noticed that one would-be candidate was Yosef Douek. This time he was turned away from the front gate for lack of the mandatory deposit and signatures. He made parliamentary history in the old Knesset building in the late '50s when he threw a grenade at the cabinet table, seriously wounding David Ben-Gurion. In the intervening years he's been institutionally confined.

UNIVERSAL regret has greeted Yeshayahu (Shaya) Weinberg's decision to quit as director of Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the

Jewish Diaspora, which he helped build and manage for the past 15 years. The problems of government funding irked him, but the main reason he decided to retire at 66 was "because enough is enough," he told me. In the six years since its doors opened, the museum has had 2.25 million visitors, half of them tourists. Weinberg believes that his deputy, Aluf (res) Erwin Doron, will be an ideal director.

I gather that the museum board will be convened by its chairman, Mayor Shlomo (Chich) Lahat, on July 18, to endorse the succession. Meanwhile, I hear that the museum may soon give in to pressure, mainly from the tourist industry, to open on Friday morning for the many visitors who spend the weekend in Tel Aviv, especially as Shabbat starts late now.

Chich flew off with wife Ziva to the U.S. this week on an eight-city fund-raising drive for the Tel Aviv Foundation. Before going he entertained a delegation of the Foundation's American Friends led by Ted Harrison of Miami, to an *al fresco* dinner at the Reuven Rubin Museum, which, since it was opened by the artist's widow Esther, has become a favourite venue for mayoral receptions.

HOPES of close ties between Japan and Israel have been raised following the recent formation of parliamentary friendship associations in Tokyo and Jerusalem. The impetus was given by the visit to Japan of Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche; and last week the honorary secretary of the Japanese group, Diet Deputy Masa'aki Nakayama, was here to attend the founding of the Israeli group sponsored by Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor in the presence Japanese Ambassador Shozo Kadota. Some 48 MKs attended the founding meeting and the Speaker appointed MK Mordechai Ben-Porat as chairman.

Savidor recalled that in the early '40s he travelled to this country from Russia via Japan, and the Japanese people gave a hospitable welcome to Jewish refugees.

WEST GERMAN Ambassador Niels Hansen was busy this week bestowing honours awarded to two Israelis by Federal President Karl Carstens. Hansen held a reception at his Herzliya home in honour of World Wizo President Raya Japhan, whom he presented with the Federal Republic's Order of Merit. Among those present were Israeli Wizo chairman Michael Moda'i and World Wizo publicity head Raya Savidor. The ambassador also came specially to Tel Aviv City Hall to attend a reception in honour of Deputy Mayor and Labour MK Dov Ben-Meir, who was honoured with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit. Ben-Meir, who heads the Israel-West German Parliamentary Friendship Group, already has the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit.

PROLIFIC AUTHOR Arnold Sherman has done it again. His latest book written with Paul Hirschhorn, a co-worker in the Technion's PR department, is entitled *Israel's High Technology* (Semana Publishing). He told me that his research convinced him that the development of Israel's high-tech has two heroes: Shimon Peres and Moshe Arens.

THE JNF has planted a forest in memory of Haim Laskov near the Latrun police station where he fought in the War of Independence. I gather that thousands of Laskov's admirers have been sending in donations to commemorate our fifth chief-of-staff.

THE BALKANS have a reputation for intrigue. Which may be the reason that so many of our top public figures lunch regularly at restaurants with Balkan names, in the Karlebach-Hahashmonaim neighbourhood of Tel Aviv.

Ezer Weizman and his Yabad crowd frequent Acropolis, near their party's offices. The restaurant is also popular with the non-Yabad members of the ex-army crowd, like Aluf (res.) Yisrael (Talib) Tal, and has been "the" spot for military men since the days of Moshe Dayan.

Ezer moved to the Acropolis after giving up his regular table at Olympia, where Dahaf adman - and Weizman sidekick in the 1977 Likud campaign - Eliezer Zurabin is a long-time fixture.

At the nearby Tirana, they still mourn Shmuel Ehrlich. The late deputy premier used to lunch at the restaurant with the Albanian name, in the company of Israel Sacharov. The Tirana circle still includes Haim Kaufman, the deputy finance minister; Yehzekel Flomin, who was the second man at the Treasury during the Ehrlich regime; and Meir Amit, the former Mossad chief and member of the first Begin cabinet, who is back in the business world these days.

Four years ago, PLO terrorists massacred six Yeshiva students, as they entered Beit Hadassah in Hebron. Amongst those murdered were two students who had attended Yeshiva University, Zvi Glatt and Shmuel Mermelstein.

The Sanctity of human life, of Jews and non-Jews, is the basic principle of biblical ethics. The Torah, however, insists that we defend ourselves against those whose avowed aim is our destruction.

When people proclaim that their goal is the destruction of the Jewish nation, involving the maiming and murder of defenceless men, women and children, as it did that evening in Hebron, and in other terrorist attacks on civilians, it is our obligation to react with all means at our disposal.

The constraints imposed upon the government of Israel by a world community indifferent to the murder of Jews has, at times, made it impossible for

Israel to respond to all acts of terrorism. We do not condone attacks upon innocent civilians. However, focused action against those directly or indirectly responsible for the maiming and death of Jews, in order to prevent them from inciting further violence, is understandable.

We appeal to the government of Israel to recognize that, if those recently imprisoned were retaliating against individuals directly or indirectly responsible for maiming or murdering Jews and the continued instigation of further terror against Jews, then the accused are guilty of no moral crime. They were defending the right of their families to live in peace and security on their land.

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The Six Day War generation

By DAVID RICHARDSON



I'LL CALL myself Faye. I know you want me to be honest, so I might as well start by admitting that that is not my real name. It's not anything specific that I fear, just a precaution. Who knows what the *hakem al-uskar* (the military government) or the *mukhabarat* (secret police) might do. And then there are the *el munazzamat* — "the organizations", (the PLO) as well. So better for me to call myself Faye.

I was born in a small village which lies at the bottom of a narrow wadi running down from Ramallah towards the coastal plain. I won't name the village either, but it is part of the Ramallah district. On the hill above us, behind the terraces, are two kibbutzim and a moshav. They have been there as long as I remember.

I was two years old when the 1967 war was fought. I don't remember it but I've been told that we ran away from our house to a village in the next wadi until the fighting was over. The Jews were up on the ridge among the trees. The (Jordanian Arab) Legion was on the top of the hill next to the sheikh's tomb. I don't remember anything about the Jordanians.

Most days the men of the village climb up the paths towards the kibbutzim and take buses to work in Israel. Most work in Jerusalem. Some, mostly the building labourers, are fetched by the contractors who wait at the top of the hill.

Just on the other side of the hill the roads are tarred. But here everything is broken and undeveloped. Look, the sewage runs in the middle of the road at the bottom of the wadi. We don't even have a telephone or running water. Last year we got electricity and I bought my family an oven. My father bought a fridge. We also have a TV, of course — some people had that even before the electricity was laid on.

The women in the village still collect water from the spring next to the mosque. Some carry it up hills to their houses on their heads. Others use donkeys. The lazy ones come down to the spring to do their washing. The dirty water runs down the main road and turns everything into stinking mud. Look for yourself, look at the flies.

I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN that up there, at the kibbutzim, that was Israel. I remember, as a small boy

herding the goats, that there used to be a sign with bullet holes up where the dirt tracks begin, and some barbed wire. That was the border. But that's gone now.

All the olive trees on the terraces behind the houses up to the top of the hill belong to people in the village. Every year we plough round the trees and at the end of the year pick the fruit. Nobody ever said anything. Some of those trees are very old, maybe sixty or seventy years.

But three weeks ago some people came with a tractor and with some soldiers from the border police and began taking the trees. They cut off all the branches and sold them to a man from Bethlehem who makes things for tourists from the wood. The tractor dug out the trees and then loaded them onto a truck. When people from the village came up to find out what was going on, the soldiers chased them away. They told the mukhtar that the trees used to belong to the village but were lost in 1948 when the fighting stopped. It doesn't matter, they say, that the villagers continued to care for the trees after 1967. Some of the old men in the village say that even between 1948 and 1967 they used to pick the fruit and the Jewish soldiers up at the kibbutzim did nothing.

They say now that they are only taking the trees where they want to make a road. But if you go up there and look you will see that there are already roads there. One of the Arab labourers they brought with them said that they were taking the trees to parks in new suburbs like Gilo and Ramot. If you notice, the olives and the figs only grow on this side of the wadi. Across there, towards the east, it is too rocky and there isn't enough water.

The people in the village are not organized. If they were, they would have got together and found a lawyer. Some of the young people talked about doing that but most are not here all the time. I don't really live in the village any more. I work at a poultry farm on one of the moshavim not far from here. There is a manager and two Jewish workers but I sleep there at night.

The manager knows a lot, but the two Jewish workers don't have as much experience as I do. I've been working with chickens for five years. I can dissect a dead bird, tell what it died of and prescribe the exact antibiotic. I know the optimum temperatures, how to control their rate of growth and how to train chicks.

We raise between 40,000 and 60,000 birds at a time. When they are marketed they bring in several million shekels to the moshav. I get paid about 1560,000 a month, a bit less than the two Jewish guys. But they don't sleep at the farm, and never work weekends.

The local vet and the instructor from the agriculture ministry have told me that I know enough to receive a certificate as an authorized poultry raiser. I already have a certificate as an inoculator. But that would never help me here. As an Arab, I know they would never make me the manager of a plant like this. I'm now thinking of getting the certificate and maybe going to work in Egypt or Jordan. Maybe there I can advance myself more.

I'VE SET UP my own little poultry-run under the house in the village. My parents and sisters look after it when I'm not at home. But it is difficult. They have to bring up the water from the well at the bottom of

the wadi and we also have to carry the feed in on a donkey.

The feed is a big problem. I can't afford to buy a whole truck, and none of the suppliers will give me credit as they do for the moshavim and the kibbutzim.

I went to see a man in Ramallah who raises chickens and even built his own feed plant. But now the military government won't give him a licence to operate it. We thought we could buy together and went to see a supplier in Beit Shemesh who sells to the moshav. I work on. The guard at the gate of the plant, a Moroccan, wouldn't allow us in because we were Arabs. This guy from Ramallah came, dressed in a suit. He drives a Volvo. It was very embar-

assing because I had spoken to the manager before we came, to make sure he would see us. The guard wouldn't even let us use the telephone.

The man from Ramallah said to me afterwards, "Faye, I learned a long time ago. Don't do business with the Jews."

After work, in my spare time on the farm, I read, watch TV and do exercises. I'm trying to complete my matriculation now. I had to leave school early to go out and work. In Israel, I know that the government will help you complete your studies but for us there is no one. I mainly read books in Arabic although all the professional literature is in Hebrew. Occasionally I read a Hebrew newspaper. There are better programmes on Egyptian TV but I watch *Mabar* — the 9 p.m. Hebrew newscast, every night. The Arabic TV news programme doesn't really tell you what is going on in the country. Lately they show you mostly about the war in the Gulf.

I know my Hebrew is good. Some people never guess that I'm an Arab. There are Jewish girls I've met in town or on a bus who have asked me to call them or come to visit. I never have. I know that nothing could come of that.

I'm pessimistic about the future. If Jordan could pull itself together and make peace with Israel I would support that. If Arafat could, I'd also support that. I could never become an Israeli. Firstly, I'm a Palestinian. Even the Arabs in Israel don't really see themselves the way we see ourselves. And then Israel would never really offer us that.

Once, when I was about sixteen, some border policemen stopped me and some friends up near the kibbutz on our way back from work. They made us slap each other in the face as hard as we could. Then they made us do exercises like soldiers have to do. Afterwards they told us to say thank you. No, becoming an Israeli, even if it were possible would never work. We have so many problems and we have no one to represent us.

NEXT WEEK, 13,500 young people like Faye will be sitting for the *taufekhiya* — the Jordanian-administered matriculation examination. Last year, almost 40 per cent of a similar number of students failed the examination.

But pass or fail, with matriculation or without, prospects are not bright for young Palestinians. Even the 8,400 lucky enough to make it to the universities or colleges in the West Bank this year will find it next to impossible to find employment in their professions. Many will emigrate, others will have to make the embittering compromise of leaving their certificates on the wall while they commute to work in more menial positions in Israel industry.

The problem is that young people are in a large and increasing majority in the West Bank. According to the conservative estimates of the civil administration, 58 per cent of the population is under twenty. If those under thirty are included they constitute 75.8 per cent of the population. There are an estimated 130,700 children under four and another 115,800 children aged five to nine.

There are 210,479 registered pupils in the government school system, another 39,802 refugee children in UNRWA schools, and 23,466 in private institutions. Although truancy is rampant, conditions pitiful, and the quality of teaching low, the amount of education these young people are receiving is increasing. So of course are their expectations. So too, is juvenile delinquency.

Like young people on the other side of the green line, the first "Six Day War Generations" are coming of age. They, like Faye, don't have any memory of the Jordanian presence in the area which preceded the war. If anything, what they hear today makes them sceptical and suspicious of the Hashemite Kingdom.

While the PLO still embodies the dream of a separate identity it does not really exist for them as an alternative. On the other hand, Israel does not and cannot offer them anything.

Like Faye, they must be pessimistic.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

Top names for talks on terror

WASHINGTON NOTES / Wolf Blitzer

FIVE YEARS AGO in Jerusalem, there was an important conference on international terrorism sponsored by the Jonathan Institute, the research foundation named after Col. Yehonatan Netanyahu, who was killed while leading the Entebbe rescue mission.

It focused attention on the spreading dangers of terror, including the Soviet connection. Now, many of the same people who organized that event are putting together a second conference, this time in Washington.

Invitations for the June 24-26 meetings at the Four Seasons Hotel were sent out by Britain's Lord Chalfont, the conference committee chairman. The participants will include well-known statesmen, scholars, security officials, parliamentarians and journalists from the U.S., Britain, France, Italy, West Germany, Japan, Israel, Australia and other countries.

Among the Americans due to attend are Secretary of State George Shultz, United Nations Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, FBI Director William Webster, White House counsellor Ed Meese, Republican Senator Paul Laxalt of New Mexico, Republican Congressman Jack Kemp of New York, and Democratic

senators Patrick Moynihan of New York and Alan Cranston of California. ABC News correspondents Ted Koppel and David Brinkley will be among the moderators.

International terrorism poses a major threat to free societies, Lord Chalfont wrote in his invitation. "Recent bombings around the world, the unprecedented security precautions now deemed necessary in all the democratic countries, and the siege atmosphere around government offices in Western capitals are reminders that present-day terrorism knows no limits in distance or in targets."

THE SESSIONS will focus on these themes: "Terrorism, Totalitarianism," "Terrorism and the Islamic World," "Terrorism and the Democracies," "The Network of International Terrorism," "Terrorism and the Media," and "How Can Terrorism Be Stopped?"

David Bar-Ilan, the musician, is conference chairman. But also very much involved in putting together

the conference is Benjamin Netanyahu, the brother of the Entebbe hero and the highly respected number two man at the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

Given the subject, the organizers, the participants and the current climate of opinion in the U.S., it promises to be a major media event.

SOME OF Israel's Democratic friends in the House of Representatives have now been accused of abandoning Israel because of their strong opposition to the Reagan Administration's policies in Central America.

Joshua Muravchik, a former executive director of the Coalition for a Democratic Majority and himself a well-known supporter of Israel, made the charge on the op-ed page of *The Wall Street Journal*.

He was referring to the narrow passage of this year's foreign aid authorization bill in the House. The final vote was 211 to 206. Of the worldwide \$10.9 billion included in the measure, Israel is to receive the largest individual share — \$2.5 billion, all, for the first time, as an outright grant.

But 129 mostly liberal Democrats,

including 10 Jews, voted against the package because it also included \$132 million for El Salvador.

"The willingness of most Democrats to place their opposition to President Reagan's Central American policies ahead of their support for Israel may turn out to be a milestone in the evolution of the Middle East issue as a factor in American politics," wrote Muravchik.

The pro-Israeli lawmakers who voted against the aid bill insist that Israel would have received the money in any case because Congress would have passed a stop-gap continuing resolution — as it has in the past on several occasions.

But Israeli officials and other pro-Israeli supporters, including lobbyists at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), are clearly not pleased by this excuse. They note, for example, that any continuing resolution would almost certainly not have included all of the favourable aid terms contained for Israel in the authorization bill and other benefits included in accompanying amendments opposing arms sales to Jordan and U.S. contacts with the PLO.

The 10 Jews who voted against the package are Sidney Yates of Illinois, Sala Burton, Anthony Beilenson and Barbara Boxer of California, Sander Levin of Michigan, Barney Frank of Massachusetts, Dan Glickman of Kansas, and Ted Weiss, James Scheuer and Richard Ottinger of New York.

Administration officials, by the way, are the first to acknowledge that what actually carried the bill through the House was the final support of the other more than 20 Jewish members and many other pro-Israeli legislators who concluded that the money for Israel took a priority over the opposition to the U.S. policies in Central America.

Thus, several of the most bitter opponents of this policy voted for the aid bill — largely because of Israel. Among those were Stephen

Solarz of New York and Howard Wolpe of Michigan, both of whom are Jewish. Maryland's Michael Barnes, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Central America and a strong critic of U.S. policies there, also voted for the overall aid bill because of Israel. He is not Jewish.

ANOTHER NON-JEW who voted for the foreign aid bill was Democratic Representative Geraldine Ferraro of New York, who lately has received extensive publicity as a possible vice-presidential running mate on the Democratic ticket in November.

That's still a long-shot, according to political experts. But there's no doubt that the articulate and popular lawmaker has an exciting future.

Ferraro, recently back from a trip to the Middle East, became a member of Pioneer Women/Na'amat, the women's Labour Zionist Organization of America, the other day.

Addressing the group in New York, she delivered a down-the-line pro-Israel speech. An original co-sponsor of the pending legislation to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, she declared: "It seems to me, if that's the capital, then that's the capital."

Regarding the Golan Heights, she added: "There is no way that, if I were the prime minister of Israel, I would ever agree to it being given back to anyone."

Regarding the vice-presidency, she said that whether or not she is chosen, "there will be women considered... and more important than that, there will be women in that room helping to make the decision about vice-president."

Ferraro termed the most difficult question of the evening one regarding how she balanced family and career.

"My husband and I thought we were doing so well when we had two children," she said. "Then we had a third and all of a sudden I realized I didn't have a third hand."

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The Post's Mark Segal talks to Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir about the future of the Liberal Party

THE PUBLIC is fed up with small parties, and if electoral reform is not legislated in the next Knesset, the country will be faced with growing governmental instability and more frequent elections.

So says Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir. And he should know. As well as being chairman of the Liberal Party Executive, he is also, from this week, deputy chairman of the Likud election campaign.

Sharir believes his party is at the crossroads, and as soon as the Knesset elections are over, he says, it must conduct a fateful, collective soul-searching on its path. The party, he says, can no longer evade the issue: merging with Herut or going it alone.

To undertake such an evaluation, the Liberal Party must hold internal elections and call a national convention to vote on its future course.

Sharir notes that in terms of its constitution, the party should have held elections two years ago; indeed, this is the longest period the party has gone without holding a convention.

The party's institutions and its leadership must seek a new mandate, says Sharir. "Any decisions made by the 240 members of the party central committee who were elected five years ago do not really reflect the true wishes of the party."

Sharir, normally a soft-spoken affable man, lost some of his cool when I mentioned the claim by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i to the Liberal Party leadership following his recent election by the central committee to head the party quota on the Likud list. Sharir, whose faction controls as many votes as that of Moda'i in the central committee's "shifting sands" of factional fidelity, took pains to point out that his party had never acknowledged the role of a single leader. Rather, its tradition was one of collective leadership. Even in the post-Begin Herut, there was no longer one single leader, but a group of leaders.

SHARIR WAS QUITE aware of Moda'i's leadership ambitions, which he regarded as an anti-Liberal sentiment, and - he added ominously - "it will only bring the party into permanent disarray." It would be best for everyone if Moda'i was able to reach a *modus vivendi* and a *modus operandi* with his colleagues.

"It's totally wrong to regard the choice of the top name on the list as a vote for the party leader," he says. "The whole matter is the result of a clause in the regulations that was tailored specifically for the late Simcha Ehrlich, and which was not expunged by an oversight. Hence Moda'i's selection as our No. 1 candidate for the 11th Knesset elections, but not as our leader."

After all, the party chairmanship can only be settled by the convention, which last time picked Ehrlich. Since his death, the position has remained vacant. I expect that when our convention does meet there will be a move to alter that clause in the regulations.

Sharir believes the assembly will devote itself mainly to deciding whether to break away from the Likud and seek an independent course, or to "resolve once and for all the 19-year-old partnership, which is neither marriage nor divorce."

"I want to see an end to the present anomaly. We can't dodge

'There is no longer any place on the political map for small parties'

the issue any longer - there is no longer any place on the political map for small parties.

"The only solution is to merge with Herut into one Likud Party. Thereby, we will be able to expand our sphere of influence throughout the Likud as a whole."

"It's quite untrue that the move would mean the demise of the Liberals. On the contrary, we'll be more influential in a bigger framework. We have to make this step as courageously as possible, and not fear that we will be powerless to spread our ideas."

"After all, if we are afraid to take the plunge, then how will we be able to muster the courage to stand on our own political feet?"

Sharir, for his part, intends initiating such a move after the elections on July 23.

SHARIR WAS critical of his party's negotiators (Yitzhak Moda'i and Moshe Nissim) with Herut for having apparently bothered only about the number of Liberal places on the Likud list rather than about including Liberal concepts in the Likud platform.

"The party's weak position is a function of not having to fight for its survival as an independent unit - hence my insistence on our opting either for a merger or for independence."

"At present, we are protected from reality."

He regretted that the Liberals' relations with Herut were at such a low point at the moment, but he believed that things would improve once the decision was made.

He then proceeded to talk in terms of "fighting for our rightful place in the Likud, which will bring Liberals closer. Thus," he said, "we have to stop yearning nostalgically for the past, which has gone forever."

WHAT IF the party convention decided to go it alone? Sharir reacted as if he had been fed a sour-tasting medicine. In such an event, he said, they would have to brace themselves for a tough existence and for a difficult election campaign. Contemplating such an unpalatable decision,

Sharir dwelt on the need for reforming the electoral system and having constituency elections. I fear I threw the Minister slightly off balance by asking why nothing had been done in the three years of the 10th Knesset to reform the electoral system. His reply was a mumbled "But there was no debate..."

Should the situation not be redressed in the 11th Knesset, he foresaw frequent elections. "No Knesset will complete its legal term. It will become increasingly difficult for governments to rule. Instability will prevail. I see us reaching the situation that prevailed during France's Third Republic, with governments succeeding one another every few months."

Under the present system, he continues, elections will in fact be over a three-to-four-mandate difference between the Likud and Labour, with either having trouble forming a coalition. "Hence the lesson for the voters in July: every vote for a small party is a vote that will contribute to governmental instability and blackmail by smaller parties at the expense of the public exchequer."

But the present elections, Sharir holds, should produce a clear result because of the distinct differences between the two blocs. His main prayer is for the elections to yield greater political stability.

Mention of widespread speculation that Liberal MKs might bolt the Likud fold arouses indignation over the "slandorous accusations" suffered by the Liberals, with the minister noting that even such dissenters as Yitzhak Berman, Dror Zeigerman and Menahem Savidov had never voted with the Opposition in non-confidence motions. Anyone looking for "Kalanterism" (crossing party lines), he suggests, might look for it in the La'am faction.

Sharir is highly sceptical about the prospects of a national unity government. Generally speaking, such a coalition could only arise when the country faces an emergency in security matters. Moreover, there were the ideological differences between the two big blocs and the clash of temperaments between their leaders.

As for differences between the two Likud partners, the Liberal minister notes that in his own party, people "have radically conflicting



(Eliahu Hiratz)

ideas, such as Arye Dulzin and Moshe Nissim or Yitzhak Seiger and Dror Zeigerman. There is a positive aspect to a broad political camp that embraces diverse views, and yet comes together on basic political premises, allowing for interchange and for one group to influence another."

An outstanding example is the Knesset vote on the Camp David Accords, in which the Liberals played a significant role. After all coalition discipline was lifted in that historic vote.

Sharir recalls being with Prime Minister Begin in a hotel suite in Washington at the conclusion of Camp David: "We were standing at the window gazing at the Washington landscape, when he said, 'Avraham, do you know what is the most difficult thing in a man's life?'"

"I answered, 'What is it, Mr. Begin?'"

"He responded rather wistfully, 'When a man's life-long comrades start casting stones at him.'" It was obvious to Sharir that Begin was thinking of the opposition among his fellow Herutniks.

AVRAHAM SHARIR climbed laboriously up the Liberal hierarchy to become a baron in the party. In the Fifties he became secretary of the General Zionist Knesset faction. The diligent young man from Tel Aviv with a bourgeois background combined work with law studies and caught the eye of successive party leaders, Yosef Sapir and Simcha Ehrlich. He made a name for himself as a competent organizer in a party where such skill is often in short supply.

Most of his career has seen him being involved in party politics, apart from a few years in foreign service. He was Consul-General in Atlanta when Jimmy Carter was governor of Georgia. Sharir subsequently became consul-general in Los Angeles. During the 9th Knesset, he was Likud faction head, which afforded him the opportunity of building up his own power base so that today his faction is the prime force blocking Yitzhak Moda'i's drive for total control of the party.

Now that events have proved that there is life in the Likud after Menachem Begin, I wondered how the Liberal minister saw the post-

Begin Likud. Yitzhak Shamir is recognized and accepted as the leader of the Likud by all sections of the alliance, he answers, noting that deference to and respect for Shamir's primacy were very apparent during the internal party elections.

But Sharir also notes that the era of the single leader going unchallenged is coming to the end. He praises Shamir for having almost single-handedly prevented a divisive process from developing that could well have brought about the break-up of the Likud. Sharir says that thanks largely to Shamir, the Liberals decided not to go it alone in these elections.

ONCE THE electoral test is over, Sharir believes that his party will face its most crucial decision, and he is confident that merger with Herut is inevitable. The outcome will be the crystallization of the new Likud leadership. Here, he says, the Likud bears favourable comparison to the Alignment, as it offers much younger and fresher faces to the nation. The Liberal Party executive chairman believes that if the Likud wishes to survive as the governing party, it must evolve a top leadership team of five of its most influential personalities as its front bench.

Assuming the Likud wins at the polls, would he want to keep the same cabinet portfolio? Yes, he wants to remain Minister of Tourism, he says, pointing out in 1983 his ministry brought \$1 billion to the Treasury, three times what diamonds earned and twice the revenue of agriculture.

Sharir believes that during the next four years, tourism will double its revenue to \$2b. without any increase in the number of hotel rooms. The minister even asserts that tourism offers the magic wand that will open the gates to economic independence. To achieve this, he has changes in mind. First, he wants the Civil Aviation Division of the Transport Ministry under his care, largely because it is responsible for El Al. Secondly, he wants "certain" innova-

tions such as a special tourist police force.

Returning to the Liberal contribution in the government, he refers again to his party's decisive role in getting the Knesset to approve the peace treaty with Egypt. "Like so many others, I too share a measure of disillusionment over Egyptian attitudes to the treaty: yet I would vote the same again if the motion were on the agenda. As they say, a cold peace is much preferable to a hot war." Hence his gut feeling that had the Liberals broken away from the Likud, that would have brought grave harm to the country and might have caused a national calamity by bringing Labour back to power.

"Today the issue is not just the Likud versus Labour," he says, "but a contest between two political philosophies on how to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict - indeed a life-and-death issue for our nation. It's not just a matter of territorial compromise, as Labour makes it out, but of being or not being. Moreover, Labour is offering the electorate largely the same old collection of faces in whom the country registered its lack of confidence both in 1977 and 1981. The only difference is that these Labour leaders are seven years older, but they're offering the same arid proposal, which no Arab leader has been willing to consider. A Labour victory will signal to the Arabs and the Americans alike that Israel is amenable to pressure that could bring about a Palestinian state."

But doesn't the Labour Party object as strongly to a Palestinian state as the Likud?

"Of course, I know that," says Sharir. "But a Labour win would create pressure on us. Labour is committed to making concessions, and it's no secret that the U.S. government is not totally against such a political creation. That's why a Labour government will open the door to pressures of that kind. That's what I meant when I spoke of a national calamity. And that is at the heart of the electoral contest."

"We're fighting for the future of the country and Labour only wants to talk about inflation and the state of the economy. I trust that the voters will reveal maturity and not let Labour divert the campaign from the real issue."

"I'm not denying that the country has economic problems, but the individual citizen has never had it so good. We live on an island of prosperity, while the rest of the free world is beset by mass unemployment. It can be safely said that no Israeli goes hungry or lacks a roof over his/her head."

When I wonder why, if things were so rosy, are all the economists crying *galut*, Sharir cautions against thinking that there are any quick cures for Israel's economic ailments.

Warning to his subject, the minister speaks of the need to increase output and productivity, encourage exports and cut government spending.

But why has the government not already cut its spending. "Of course we did, although I admit it was far short from what was required. It's all the fault of the ministers in charge of welfare and similar portfolios. These spending ministers from the NRP and Tami always defeat the ministers representing production and export, like Moshe Arens, Gideon Palti, Pesah Grupper and myself. I hope that in the new government we will be able to pursue our economic programme as we originally intended."

Our conversation turns to the frightening extremism seen in politics in recent years. The minister while abhorring extremism, finds it particularly reprehensible that Jews should be tainted by it after our long historical experience of suffering at the hands of zealots. Focusing on the alleged Jewish terror underground, Sharir thinks the government has handled the matter courageously and correctly. "We did not conceal anything. I think there are few societies today where the government has so bravely not brushed 'unsavoury matters' under the carpet, as the example of the Zorea report demonstrates, despite the misuse of the outcome by our enemies throughout the world."

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His item, a letter from a simple soldier in Lebanon, was marvellous. I presume that Shalev and Topaz tried to appear just as we are mourning the second anniversary of the ill-advised adventure, which has cost so dearly in blood, treasure, morality and repute. Donning a forage cap and the most guileless and appealing of expressions, Dudu became the little Israeli reservist writing to his wife Tikva, and describing the existence and thoughts of Israel's forgotten man, the soldier serving, as he put it, "somewhere in Lebanon, next to Sidon."

He tried to explain to Tikva what Lebanon is all about — the different sects and political leaders, but in the end had to admit that it was all a mixed-up salad in his head. Two things were clear to him: they all hated each other, but most of all they hated him.

Then he wondered when it would end, and commented that only the government knew. His officers had assured him that the government did know. Perhaps they did, but they were not on reserve duty.

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These are *Women*, roles from Shakespeare presented by Claire Bloom, Kham Theatre, May 27.

THE DRAMATIC reading, like the tomato, has the problem of being a fruit by some standards and a vegetable by others, not enough of the first and too much of the second.

Moreover, it's hard to tell what the motivation was for putting these particular roles together, except that women are in style and Shakespeare was a great writer.

The performance opened with an extensive selection from *Twelfth Night*, focusing on the role of Viola dressed up as Cesario, went through a bit of Desdemona, Portia in *Julius Caesar*, Katharine in *Henry VIII*, Voltembra in *Coriolanus* — and ended with several scenes from *Romeo and Juliet*.

The most enjoyable moments were the first and the last segments; the one-woman "dialogue" was best where the roles were most clearly distinguished, as in the encounters between the impatient Juliet and her long-suffering nurse. At other times Bloom's consistently perfect bearing made it hard to see where one character left off and the next began, and she seemed to have a lapse of concentration during Queen Katharine. The narrative bridges required to get from one dramatic scene to another, particularly in *Twelfth Night* began to sound irritatingly like *Tales from Shakespeare*.

Despite my reservations and my predisposition against the genre of dramatic reading, I was grateful for the opportunity to hear even bits of Shakespeare in real English, and felt that my hunger for it was shared by much of the audience. Now it's either a charter to London or back to the bookshelf.

ANADELUS TRIOS with PNINA SELTZMAN, piano (Jerusalem Theatre, June 2). Mozart: Spring Trio Movement in G, K. 464; Piano Quartet in G minor, K. 478; Divertimento in E-flat Major, K. 563. (Jerusalem Theatre, June 3). Beethoven: Trio in G, op. 9, No. 1; Mozart: Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, K. 493; Beethoven: Serenade in D, op. 8.

STRING TRIOS are not, with the exception of Mozart's Divertimento K. 563, among the great masters' outstanding works. Mozart's Movement in G remained a fragment, and Beethoven never returned to this medium after the early attempts of op. 8 and 9; and his Serenade op. 25, with flute, is nothing more than good entertainment.

Thus the Amadeus Trio — once the fabled Amadeus Quartet until the loss of its second violinist due to illness — in trying to continue its illustrious career as an outstanding chamber music ensemble, which lasted for over three decades, is somewhat at a handicap regarding repertoire. Musically, their offerings have only limited attraction, and it was therefore a very good idea to enlist the assistance of a pianist to perform the two splendid piano quartets by Mozart.

Even more commendable was its choosing an Israeli artist. Pnina Seltzman handled her demanding role with pianistic elegance and artistic integrity. With harmonious cooperation between the keyboard and the strings, these two works were at least, for this reviewer, the best offerings of the two programmes. It could also be noted that under Miss Seltzman's sensitive touch, the grand piano sounded beautiful, after, on a previous occasion, Ivo

English touring company

THE CHEEK BY JOWL English touring company is to stage its highly acclaimed adaptation of Thackeray's *Vanity Fair* at the Beit Abba Khoushy community centre in Neve Sha'an, Haifa, on June 14, as part of the Israel Festival.

It will be the only performance outside Jerusalem of this innovative play in which the main character is the great Victorian satirist himself.

Topaz's gem

TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

wouldn't give him a great name. They would just call him Shalom.

Audience applause for a television programme can be easily faked, but I must say that it seemed to me that the reaction of Shalev's studio crowd was heartfelt and authentically enthusiastic.

Of course, there was a bitter truth underlying this presentation, as we saw in a news item about Nabatieh on Monday night. A soldier on patrol said that they were there because they had to be, but that they were waiting eagerly for the decision to pull out. The town was empty. Two years ago, said a soldier, they had been welcomed with rice thrown at them and invited to coffee, now everyone loathed them and threw stones and grenades instead of rice. There were no more hospitable invitations.

TOPAZ's reference to his officer's assurance that the Government knew when the war would end, and the soldier's doubt as to whether the government really did, reminded me of something I wrote in this column when the invasion of Lebanon began two years ago: "Years after Robert Browning wrote *Sordello*, he admitted, 'When I wrote that poem, only God and I understood it. Now only God does.' Throughout the latter half of this week, I have had the bewildered feeling that only the prime minister, the minister of defence, the chief-of-staff and God had the slightest idea of what the ultimate objectives of the Peace for Galilee Operation were, and that at least one of the four was by no means certain."

Another relevant quote I used, a week later, was Thomas Paine's thought: "War involves in its progress such a train of unforeseen and unimagined circumstances that no human wisdom can calculate the end. It has but one thing certain, and that is to increase taxes."

ON THE EVIDENCE we have so far seen and heard, it would seem that Ram Evron definitely made a serious error last week when he interviewed Ora Nagar and her son Elad, and accepted everything they said, without presenting the case for the husband or the rabbinical court. This week a statement was read to us on behalf of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, which set out various points made by the husband in a letter to the authority. These had not been mentioned by the wife, and they certainly changed our thoughts about the whole case. I have an impression that I recall Evron saying that he had asked the court and the husband to appear, and that they had refused. But I may be wrong.

The problem here is that the authority, in presenting their statement to the viewers, did not invite Evron or the wife to put their versions of the affair. They did the very thing for which they suspended Evron and producer Nava Cohen.

This brings me to the whole question of "balance." The shillbaleth invoked to justify the suspension of one of our best interviewers and the ruin of a very interesting programme. When Sir Hugh Greene, former director-general of the BBC, visited Israel, he discussed the principle of balance at length. He said that it

should not be invoked to require the presentation of two opposing points of view on the same programme, because this would lead to intolerable dullness and insipidity. Such a fate would certainly befall a show like *This is the Time*. Of course, rejecting the worship of balance does not mean that the interviewer does not need to do his homework, and to find out all the facts.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the Evron-Cohen case, I hope that the harsh punishment will be revoked, and that he will resume giving us his interesting programmes.

THE CHOICE of a replacement for *This is the Time* to fill the prime time slot on Monday night was an extraordinary one. Instead of getting *Love, American Style*, the usual stand-by for strikes, we had an hour-long religious-philosophical programme. This was about a real oddity, Rabbi Leib Weisfish, of Mea Shearim, the man who believes that Friedrich Nietzsche was not only the greatest of philosophers, but also a true expounder of Judaism.

In the first part of the film, I thought that he was being shown to us as a quaint creature, a nut case. But by journey's end, he was being taken very seriously by philosophers we must respect.

The attempt to interpret Nietzsche in a TV programme was obviously foredoomed to fail. I suspect that the new chairman of the IBA had a hand in this weird choice of entertainment, which could not compete with Jordan and video.

Last week I wrote that the censor came down on David Shipler of the *New York Times* for sending a picture that had not been cleared of the Ashkelon prisoners. Actually it was Morton Dolinsky, head of the Press Office, and not the censor, who pointed out that Shipler had bypassed the censor, and Shipler admitted he was to blame.

in three dimensions by white-painted pipes; the TV, which broadcasts in colour, is the only departure from the protagonist's black-and-white reality — but all it shows is her own face.

The taped music — bells and organ — lend a sense of unmitigated urgency, and an hourglass in the shape of an inverted pyramid lets out a steady stream of sand onto the floor for a countdown.

But it doesn't work. Literally, the hourglass got stopped up about 10 minutes into the performance — and for the rest of the 50 minutes we were looking at our watches.

This production departs from the original, wordless play in a very significant way — it splits the protagonist into two characters.

One may be the alter ego of the other, or the essential interior, or the mirror image. The relationship between them isn't clearly defined, and has the effect of reducing the isolation of the individual without really articulating any conflict she may have over her suicide.

At the start of the play, one woman comes on stage in her white street clothes and changes into a black house dress, as the other emerges bare, out of the shadows, and puts on a similar black house dress. Though the first is more in control of her despair and the other occasionally mews aloud, they are in nearly equivalent positions from early in the action, and neither seems to represent a desire to live.

We know what will happen, but we don't feel it happening — and at times, because of the placement of the action on the floor of the stage, we don't even see it happening. We bide our time.

MARSHA POMERANTZ

Shared hunger

Andalus Amargue (Bitter Andalus), group work by La Cauda de Sevilla (Spain), Jerusalem Theatre, May 27.

WITH SONG and dance, light and shadow, pathos and gears, Cauda has built a symbolic drama of emigrant workers leaving their homes in Spain and travelling to Northern Europe.

Both actors and audience occupy the stage of the Jerusalem Theatre, with the curtain drawn. The performance takes place on a slightly raised I-shaped platform, with the audience seated along the sides.

One cross-piece of the "I" is home — indicated by a chair, a couple of stools and a few lighted tapers in the darkened hall. The plaintive song and gradual awakening of movement begin there.

Slowly, five actors move down the midriff of the I, above which two parallel planks decked with candles and red carnations are suspended. The actors advance slowly, almost as sculptures moving into searing light. The planks with candles and flowers descend until they seem to nearly crush some of the emigrants.

From this Via Dolorosa the emigrants arrive at the other end of the I, the new country, for an ingenious version of an encounter with mechanization. The principle character at that end is a skillfully-operated backhoe tractor (bearing a shovel with teeth) that picks up the actors — semi-willing victims — one by one, plays with them as a cat with a mouse, and drops them on various bits of scaffolding.

Like Cauda's *Lullaby of Thorns*, this production combines ritual symbols of the Catholic church with harsh tools of the worker's world, building tension gradually with a variety of percussion methods — including the feet of a flamenco dancer.

As the tension reaches a high pitch, the mechanical shovel continues to persecute its prey, and the other workers apply themselves to a welder, a drill, pulley and chain and a huge cable slowly unwinding. The clank, squeak, buzz, spark and flash, and the Andalusian lament, combine in a concert which is threatening yet peculiarly transcendent.

It's worth the slow slog through what is sometimes an excess of pathos to get to those few moments alone.

A FELICION DEL PUBLICO (Request Concert) production by Teatro Drama de Venezuela, based on the play *Wenceslao* by Franz Xaver Kroetz, Kham Theatre, June 3.

A WOMAN comes home, changes into something more comfortable, smokes a cigarette, opens the window, puts on some coffee, smokes a cigarette, turns on the TV, smokes a cigarette, does some embroidery, closes the window, goes to bed and kills herself.

That, more or less, is what happens in this study of isolation and despair, in a world in which the protagonist can never change into something really comfortable.

The stage is dark. The outlines of furniture are imaginatively "drawn"

Minority opinion

Pogorelich had only elicited hard and dry sounds from this instrument.

As for the string players, Norbert Brainin, the violinist, employs a rather disturbing *rubato* in nearly every phrase; Peter Schidlöf's viola deserves to come out more prominently in essential parts, and Martin Lovett's cello often sounds dry and unimaginative. But this opinion may be a minority one; on both evenings, the full houses offered generous applause for the artists.

LES MUSICIENS — Jacques Offenbach: *Life in the Palace*, Opera-Ballet (Grand Ballet de Paris, Jerusalem, June 3). Artists: Director: Maurice Jacquemont; Musical Director: Louis Danoyeur de Ségouze; Choreography: Evelyn Drach; Louis Danoyeur de Ségouze; Music: Offenbach; Piano: Philippe Henry; Violoncello: Jean-Pierre Rychelbach; Trumpet: Isabelle Grandet; Piano: André Nelly Rabas; Violoncello: Gilles Bello; Pierre Jacquemont; Jean-Marie Lopez; Pierre Jacquemont.

WITHIN the context of this festival, with its feasts of instrumental and vocal offerings from olden times and the classics, it was a relief for many participants in this "marathon," including this reviewer, to relax, for once, and simply laugh at the inanities presented on stage and to enjoy the professionalism of all concerned: the actors, the singers, the players.

Offenbach's music is always ingenious though light, and it must have been an eye-opener to many to hear what can be done with an excellent pianist and three equally good instrumentalists in lieu of a whole orchestra. The singing, the superb

acting, the brisk and well-coordinated movements — everything was pulsating with good humour and an infectious *joie de vivre*.

Maybe our local producers and opera buffs will learn something from this meeting with the *Musiciens* from France and start producing some of Offenbach's close to 100 stage pieces and so help restore our sense of humour, which is in danger of getting lost in our present-day society.

ALL BEETHOVEN Programmes: the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, David Robertson conducting with Paul Badura-Skoda, piano; Ivry Gitlis, violin; Michael Malsky, cello (Beethoven's 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th).

THE HERO of the evening was undoubtedly conductor David Robertson, who elicited from the orchestra excellent symphonic playing and sensitive cooperation with the various soloists.

He had a particularly trying task in keeping the Violin Concerto together, as Ivry Gitlis took liberties in tempo and phrasing that went far beyond the licence of individual interpretation. Impurities in intonation can often be compensated for by extraordinary musical performances, but there were no redeeming features in Gitlis' favour. Phrases seemed haphazard, dynamics erratic, tempi inconsistent, but, above

all, tone quality within phrases was widely divergent and seemed the result of accident and not foresight. Having heard this artist previously in performances of violin concertos (Tchaikovsky, Mozart A Major), one wonders why he was given the opportunity again to demonstrate his unsuitability as soloist. Highest praise to the conductor for saving the concerto from disaster.

Paul Badura-Skoda, replacing Martha Argerich on very short notice, performed the Third Piano Concerto with solid musicianship, well-grounded technical capability and sound approach. He restored one's confidence in artistic performance. The Triple Concerto has an outstandingly difficult part for the cellist, which, in the hands of Michael Malsky, was served with agility and technical perfection and in the few passages where the cello can sing out on its own — with beautiful tone and lovely phrasing. The many runs in violin and cello were often more seen than heard, as the quick notes lacked substance. Of course, it is easier to perform the same on the keyboard, and the pianist fulfilled all expectations.

Under the watchful eyes of the conductor, the trio kept body and soul together, and with the orchestra's being in very good shape and cooperating with the excellent direction of David Robertson, the evening closed on a harmonious note, and the capacity audience rewarded the musicians with prolonged applause.

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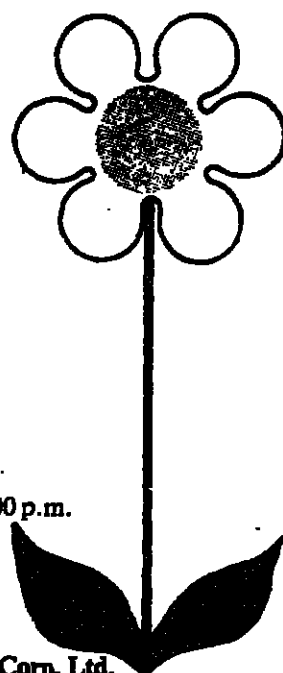
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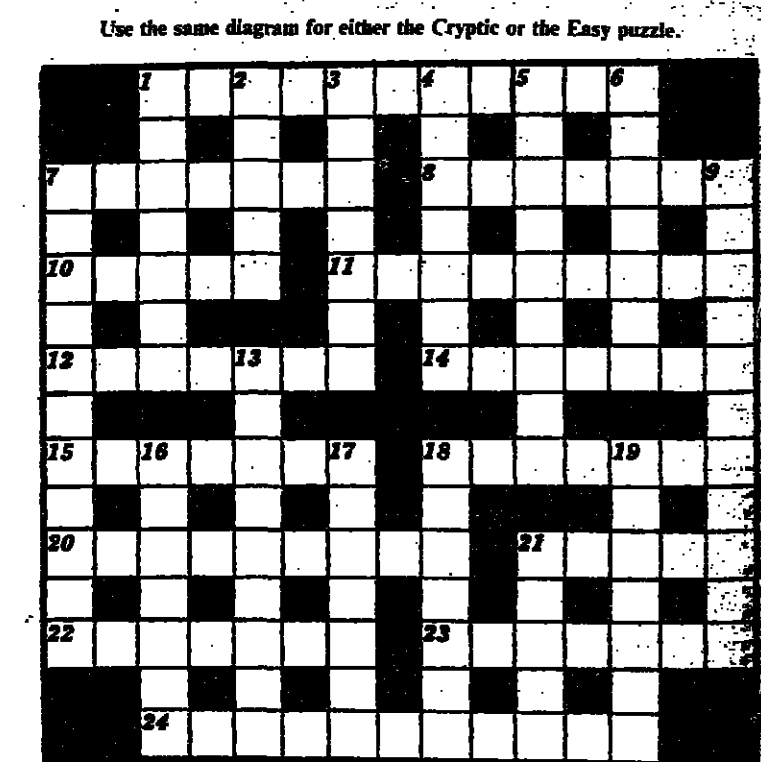
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ACROSS

- 1 "Go to work on an egg" — and hurry! (3, 8)
- 7 One after another, being late, showed sorrow (7)
- 8 Holidaymakers here; the last ones desperate people will turn to! (7)
- 10 Ghost upset barbarians (5)
- 11 It's against the law breaker causing great increase in wrongdoing! (5-4)
- 12 Regulation check (7)
- 14 Ask for more than the usual amount (7)
- 15 Takes them offerings! (7)
- 18 Hearing about unexplained death, he runs (7)
- 20 Crazy Prince Olaf, the first of the foreigners to leave China (9)
- 21 One who helps to make masses of epic films (5)
- 22 Three on the staff pointed to a weapon! (7)
- 23 Pays the bill for furniture (7)
- 24 We may be able to take a diversion! (11)

DOWN

- 1 One taking over from the cook, as it were! (7)
- 2 Extract cubes of sugar pressed together (5)
- 3 Wants to reform a Conservative politician? No! (7)
- 4 Thick string to tie round explosive (7)
- 5 Policeman con priest? Ludicrous! (9)
- 6 Refuse to boast about being up on time (7)
- 7 Weave around in the sky over Araby? (5, 6)
- 9 Rests we made disturbed — though certainly not with these! (5, 6)
- 13 Act for another company, perhaps (9)
- 16 Colour for vehicle bringing us coal, maybe (7)
- 17 Make parts of the whole thing? (7)
- 18 No. 2 deck ordered to play the game! (7)
- 19 Motorbike race for a pound — want all around to get angry (7)
- 21 Helping to describe how it was disposed of (5)



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- ACROSS
- 1 London landmark (5, 6)
 - 7 Mad & wild (7)
 - 8 Street entertainers (7)
 - 10 Quite spoils (5)
 - 11 He makes exorbitant gains (9)
 - 12 Medicants (7)
 - 14 A coal container (7)
 - 15 To make progress (7)
 - 18 Name of several Popes (7)
 - 20 A metal (9)
 - 21 Push down hard upon (5)
 - 22 Raise (7)
 - 23 Beginnings (7)
 - 24 Lovers (11)

- DOWN
- 1 Engaging in business (7)
 - 2 Electrical units (5)
 - 3 Cookery instructions (7)
 - 4 Decorative bands (7)
 - 5 Utterly without means (9)
 - 6 A basic substance (7)
 - 7 Which puts out blazes (4-7)

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Sharp rises, but volume shrivels

TEL AVIV. — "They are all in there pushing it up, trying to make it seem positive." This was the rather cynical reaction of one analyst to the sharp rises registered in the share market yesterday. The reason for his lack of enthusiasm was the renewed slump in turnovers in the share market, which belied the healthy appearance that the other statistics gave the session.

Yesterday, as in the two trading days at the beginning of the week, prices surged ahead on a broad front. Almost four issues rose for every one that fell, 104 were up in excess of 5 per cent (25 down by this margin), and 19 others were registered "buyers only".

The General Share Index rose by 1.11 per cent and the non-bank index gained 2.5 per cent. Individual sectors rose by as much as 4 or 5 per cent, although oil shares slipped 3 per cent following an unfavourable report on the TV news about oil exploration.

All the positive statistics are rendered rather overblown by the single most important daily figure regarding the market: the volume, or the amount of money actually changing

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

hands. Yesterday, this totalled IS377 million, or rather less than \$2m. Of this, one must perforce deduct the amount pertaining to the "arrangement" bank shares, since these are now bonds for all investment purposes, and one is left with about \$1m. — hardly an encouraging total for a market that is withering away from lack of interest.

Against this public apathy there is little that the traders, brokers, banks and the rest of the "bourgeoisie" community can do. This little is being done, however. The signal for some positive action to begin was the speech in the Knesset last week by Finance Minister, Cohen-Or, in which he mentioned encouraging the stock market.

For the professionals this was enough to stop selling and start feeding in bids in an endeavour to push up prices in a controlled manner. This activity is not coordinated in

any organizational sense. It is simply a group of like-minded people or companies in the same boat, all pulling in the same direction. Their only problem is that they are rowing against the current, and the question is: will the current soon change its direction or, as has happened so many times in the past few months, will they get tired first?

Announcements:

Dabek, the country's sole producer of cigarettes, announced a large profit, after two years of losses. The figures, adjusted to take account of inflation show a profit of IS761 million, after losses of IS431m, in 1982 and IS119m, in 1981. All figures are in constant, December 1983 shekels. In their accompanying remarks, the Dabek management realistically point out that their products' prices are government-supervised and that the primary factor responsible for a given year's profit or loss is the size and frequency of the price rises they are allowed to implement. They therefore stress the need to see 1983's profit in the context for the losses of 1981 and 1982, so that the total profit for the three years is IS271m. — a minuscule amount compared to total turnover in that time.

Most Active Issues:

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U.S. car sales boom continues

DETROIT (Reuters). — American car companies said this week their sales rose by 173,000 vehicles, or 22.0 per cent, in May, the industry's best performance for the month in six years.

Analysts said the figure, higher than expected, was due to steady improvement in consumer buying power and confidence. The companies were showing sales of big luxury cars, carrying higher profit margins than small cars whose market is shrinking.

American Honda, which only started building cars in the U.S. last year, increased sales in May, while Volkswagen of America achieved a small rise.

The May sales represented an annual rate of 8.6 million cars, a strong advance over the rate one year ago, the analysts said.

For the year as a whole, the industry has sold about 860,000 more cars in the first five months of 1983, which represents a gain of 31.3 per cent.

Ford, with a 40 per cent improvement, has had the best gains, while General Motors is up 30 per cent, Chrysler 19.7 per cent and Volkswagen 14.3 per cent. American Motors is down 6.9 per cent.

Insurance

Arisech	570	62	+20	+3.6
Arisech	371	64	n.c.	
Arisech	4321	8	+10	+1.3
Arisech	600	8	+10	+1.3
Arisech	316	23	+16	+5.0
Arisech	690	—	+20	+3.0
Arisech	181	102	n.c.	
Arisech	188	103	+15	+8.0
Arisech	666	247	+11	+1.7
Arisech	1050	—	—	—
Arisech	400	—	—	—
Arisech	258	b.o.2	+12	+4.9
Arisech	140	170	+8	+6.1
Arisech	108	128	+18	+20.6
Arisech	1582	—	+20	+1.3
Arisech	362	6	n.c.	
Arisech	360	187	n.c.	
Arisech	580	6	n.c.	
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Mer Etra	61	169	n.c.	
Mer Etra	430	110	+1	+7.8
Mer Etra	588	52	+27	+4.8
Mer Etra	222	50	+1	+5.5
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Italian	Lira	26.926
Canadian	Dollar	159.42

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Lebanese lira	34.850
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Allied Chem.	34%	n.c.
Amer Brand	47%	n.c.
Amer Can	43%	n.c.
Amer Exp.	27%	n.c.
Amer T & T	15%	n.c.
Beth Steel	20%	n.c.
Chrysler	47%	n.c.
Du Pont	47%	n.c.
East Kodak	66%	n.c.
Emark	58%	n.c.
Evon	40%	n.c.
Gen Elect.	53%	n.c.
Gen Motors	53%	n.c.
Goodyear	64%	n.c.
Intl Bus.	25%	n.c.
Intl Harv.	105%	n.c.
Intl Paper	6%	n.c.
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Procter Gam.	51%	n.c.
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Wars and things

WHILE President Reagan is in Europe shoring up his image as a statesman for the presidential election campaign, his real worry is that the war in the Persian Gulf could drag the U.S. into deeper involvement that would alienate American voters.

The war in the Gulf has highlighted many of the inherent contradictions in the U.S. position. The U.S., for example, has poured arms into Saudi Arabia to help it protect itself from external threat. However, the Saudis are unable to effectively use these arms without active American help. Yet such dependence upon American involvement, is precisely what Washington seeks to avoid, both for domestic and diplomatic reasons. As a result, immediately after this week's air battle in which the Saudis downed one or two Iranian Phantom planes with the help of an American-manned AWACS aircraft, U.S. spokesmen more or less apologized for their involvement. At the same time they are urging the Saudis, who are both proud and afraid of their successful action, to show more resolve.

No less ironic is the U.S. commitment to keep the Gulf oil lanes open, for American dependence upon this oil is minimal. It is Europe and Japan who are exposed. But the Europeans have exhibited no interest whatsoever in flexing their muscle for this oil. They prefer to rely on Washington, which therefore seems not to have much choice but to be relied upon, but ever so reluctantly.

Because of the Saudi fear of Iran, and Iran's poisoned relations with the U.S., Washington has leaned towards Iraq in the Gulf conflict. But it is the Iraqis who not only started the war, but initiated the threat to the oil fields and oil shipping, hoping in this way to elicit external, and U.S., pressure against the Iraqis, so rich in sacrificial manpower.

In sum, the very powers which the U.S. supports are the parties that would deepen U.S. military involvement, against American domestic opinion, on behalf of European and Far Eastern oil customers, who stand aside from the fray.

Having made its commitments, the U.S. cannot renege on them, however, without serious loss of influence.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union is actively supporting prolongation of the Gulf conflict in the hope that this will ultimately weaken the U.S. in the region and establish new positions of Soviet advantage.

There are no signs that the Reagan Administration is steered by clarity of purpose in this maze, though nothing has been heard from the Democratic presidential contenders that would offer better guidance. For the most part it would seem the candidates would like to avoid the issue during the election campaign, focussing on the slogans and simplicities that rouse voter emotions.

Israel, rather closer to the scene of this conflict than the American electorate, must watch this failure to come to grips with the Gulf issue with some dismay. That dismay would be more justified if in Israel we could assure ourselves of an election campaign that addresses intellect rather than emotion. Unfortunately, however, the time seems long past when Israelis could justifiably scoff at the boorishness of American election campaigns. We have adopted the pattern and with our own peculiar brand of earnestness.

Neither the U.S. nor Israel can really afford this kind of escapism, for reality somehow always reemerges after an election campaign is over.

In the meantime, however, Mr. Reagan, in his way, like Mr. Shamir in his, prefers to look the other way. If the one has the Gulf, the other has Lebanon. And they both have a lot more.

PRESS EXAGGERATES

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The IDF, he said, still faces serious budget problems despite the impression that the U.S. military-aid package has improved. He noted that \$300m. in aid had been cut and said there was no unused U.S. aid money in the Defence Ministry budget.

He said that the decision to give members of the regular army a salary increase was to compensate for inflation, and did not constitute a real increase. He said that the increase

had been granted selectively, to those the IDF especially wished to stay in its ranks.

Despite budget restraints, the IDF was investing more in development and research this year. "To ensure that the future is not adversely affected," he said.

Regarding the Zorea report, Levy said the principle that one does not kill except in battle is an elementary and clear foundation of IDF doctrine. The IDF must continue to teach this principle, he said.

GOLAN MAN

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accepted Yinnon's personal statement before sentencing that he sincerely regretted what he had done.

But Brenner refused Yinnon's request to delay the commencement of his prison term by a week, to give him time "to put his affairs on the moshav in order."

In April Yinnon was asked by an as-yet-unnamed man to help in "something important for the Jewish people." After agreeing, Yinnon, the man who approached him, and still another unidentified person, moved 50 Syrian mines from near Moshav Keshet to Nov, another moshav in the Golan Heights.

Advocate Ya'acov Hagler, who represented Yinnon, termed the sentence "humane, but not light." Yinnon himself, who was reserved during the proceedings, appeared relieved, as did the numerous members of his family and friends who crowded the courtroom.

But the prosecutors — Uzi Hasson and Yiska Leibowitz — kept earnestly. They now have to consider whether to appeal the sentence to the Supreme Court.

Among their conflicting considerations will be the demand for stiff sentences in what is seen as a very serious case of Jewish subversion.

SIKH LEADER

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when troops opened fire to disperse a crowd of Sikhs near the town.

In Srinagar, the state capital of Jammu and Kashmir, seven persons were killed and 40 injured in a gun-battle between Sikhs and a break-away Sikh sect called Nirankaris, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported.

The hardline Bhindranwale died as he had lived, advocating violence as a legitimate means to achieve his sect's demands for religious and political concessions. Sikh preachers yesterday called Bhindranwale's death "martyrdom" and youths chanted his name as their battle cry.

activity. On the other hand, they have an interest in encouraging other less important defendants to plead guilty.

Easy and quick convictions of some of the minor accomplices would make the prosecution's case against the major defendants much easier.

After the judge left the courtroom, Yinnon's brother-in-law, also bearded and wearing a skullcap, burst out at Hasson. "How can you defend Arabs after what they did to your family?" The reference was to members of Hasson's family who died during the 1929-31 massacre of Jews in Hebron.

Hasson was momentarily taken aback, and then said that this was not the first time that he had been reminded of the past. He said he had taken into account the possibility that it would be raised again.

On Monday, the remaining 24 defendants are to appear to hear the court's decision on the state's request that they be remanded until the end of the proceedings. Their names, so far unpublished under a court order, are expected to be released for publication then.

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Financial hypocrisy

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

MANY PEOPLE think it naive to get excited about "election economics." Everybody does it, the feeling is, and politicians wouldn't be politicians if they didn't try to bribe the voters with pre-election goodies.

Likud-Liberal economist Dan Tichon expressed this view from the Knesset rostrum not so long ago when he said, "Of course there'll be election economics. Just as there were when the Alignment was in power."

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir apparently thinks that election economics is something the government should not resort to. Last week, in reply to a reporter's question, he "emphatically denied" that the government was doing any such thing.

"The steps now being taken are in line with the policy decided on some time ago, and there are no surprises in the steps being taken by the economic ministries," Shamir said.

Tichon's statement was cynical but honest. Shamir's brings to mind La Rochefoucauld's quip that hypocrisy is the tribute vice pays to virtue.

Shamir's denial clashes head-on with what Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad told the cabinet a few days before. Opposing the demand of Defence Minister Moshe Arens that regular army personnel be given wage increases of 12 to 18 per cent, Cohen-Orgad said that the rise was counter to government policy and that the economy could not bear it.

That, in fact, was the stand taken by Arens too last December, when the Alignment's Micha Harish raised the subject of regular army pay in a motion for the agenda.

Agreeing with Harish that regular army pay had declined substantially in relation to the economy as a whole, Arens said the problem was where the money would come from.

"Anyone who proposes higher pay for the regular army must say in the same breath, 'And this should be at the expense of sectors A, B, C, and D.' If he doesn't do that he has spoken pretty words, but nothing that can be translated into action."

Where, o where, has the money now been found?

Even from the aspect of political expediency, it is hard to see the wisdom of Shamir's denial. If you deny something that everyone knows is true, why should anyone believe you when you deny, for example, that we sell arms to Iran?

OF GREATER national concern, however, is the stance of Cohen-Orgad. Seven months after he was appointed the fourth Likud finance minister in six years to clean up the mess made by the first three, Cohen-Orgad found himself in a minority of one on the army pay issue.

This isn't just any old issue, but a

measure Cohen-Orgad himself thought the economy cannot bear. And it should be kept in mind that Treasury officials had expressed the fear — since borne out — that a regular army pay rise would touch off demands for wage increases by other groups.

Out-voted, Cohen-Orgad accepts a decision that the economy cannot bear — and leaves an opening for absolving himself of responsibility later on.

Hugh Dalton, who served as Clement Attlee's chancellor of the exchequer in the Labour government elected after the war, had something to say about a situation like this. In his book, *Public Finance*, he wrote:

"A chancellor of the exchequer deprecating in the House of Commons expenditure sanctioned by the cabinet, of which he is one of the most influential members, is surely a slightly absurd, if not almost an unconstitutional, spectacle. For, if he has not considered the expenditure to be reasonably necessary, he should have resigned."

Dalton was attacking the Tory argument that public expenditure is, *ipso facto*, unproductive. He asserted that the only economic test of expenditure is its productivity of economic welfare, and that public expenditure on health and education often produces greater economic welfare than private expenditure on luxuries, or even on new capital goods.

The analogy with Cohen-Orgad is not perfect, but the principle is the same. A minister of finance cannot have it both ways.

If the Likud is defeated on July 23, the only problem for Cohen-Orgad is one of conscience: would an ultimatum to his colleagues have done the trick and saved the economy from an unbearable burden?

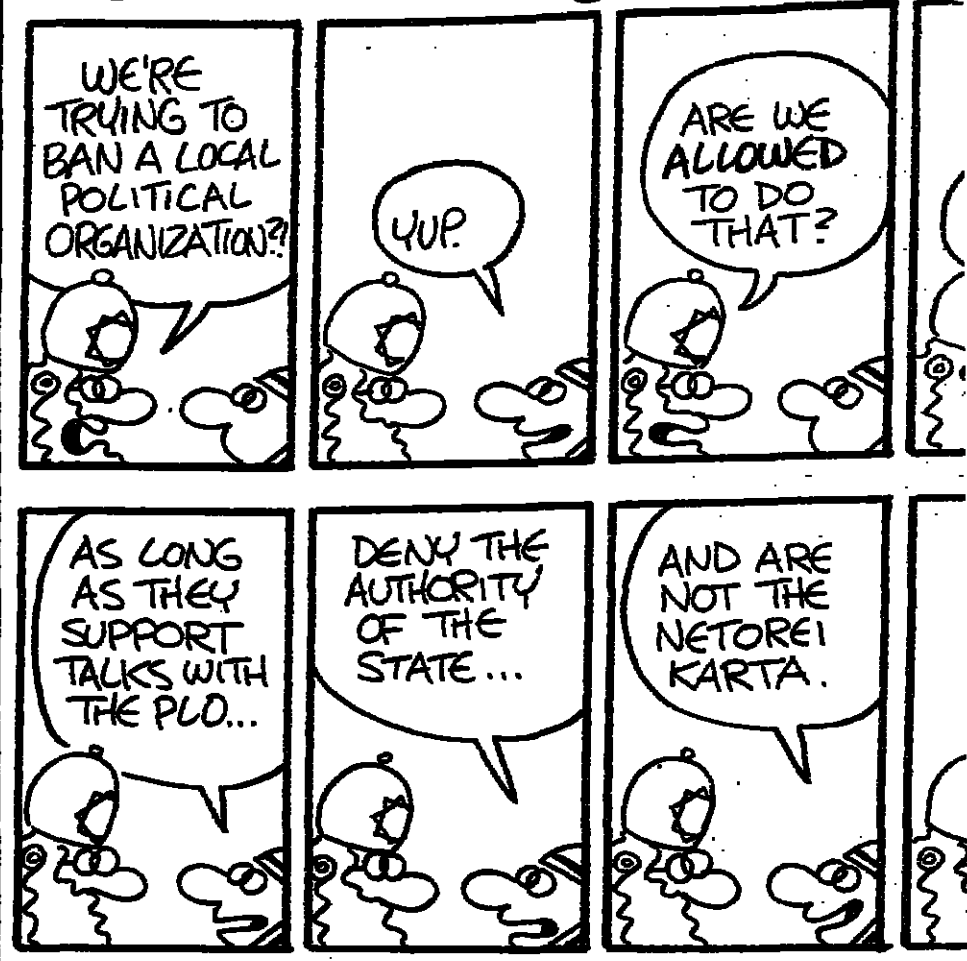
If, on the other hand, the Likud should win, does he think he can pick up the pieces and start all over again?

BUT THE TROUBLE with the Likud's economic policy goes deeper than its election-time behaviour. It cannot be said that we were on the road to recovery before the election reared its ugly head.

Cohen-Orgad's basic decision to grapple with the balance of payments deficit and let inflation wait was politely censured by the International Monetary Fund in the interim report it issued in mid-March. The report said that the Treasury should not underestimate the importance of bringing down inflation; that it must slow down the printing of money; that it must encourage savings; and that a wage-prices package deal should complement cuts in government spending and not be a substitute for them.

Much of this was echoed in last

The Friday Dry B...



week's annual report of the Bank of Israel. Particularly stressed was the necessity of attacking the balance of payments deficit and inflation simultaneously, thus rejecting the key-stone of Cohen-Orgad's strategy.

There is no indication that Cohen-Orgad did anything to tackle inflation after he read the IMF's strictures on March 14. But that may be because a fortnight later the Knesset voted for early elections.

When Cohen-Orgad took over on October 18 last year, the dollar stood at IS81.85. This week it reached IS205. It shouldn't require a report by the IMF or the Bank of Israel to let the minister of finance know that this calls for action, election or no.

If there are people doing very well under inflation, they are manufacturers, who set their own prices, and the self-employed, who fix their own fees. Linkage only cushions the impact of inflation on wage-earners; it does not neutralize it.

But beyond the immediate inroads inflation makes on real wages are its demoralizing psychological effects.

With one shekel worth less than half a cent, how can we take our currency seriously? When prices are marked up daily, even normally price-conscious consumers lose their bearings and are likely to squander their money.

Thanks to linkage, we have been spared the horrors of the inflation experienced by Weimar Germany, when a large part of the middle class was wiped out. But how long can this go on?

It is difficult not to agree with Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar that the government is losing control of the economy. Speaking after the 20.6 per cent index rise in April was published, Kessar said that for the price of a loaf of bread today a family could have kept itself

in bread for four months in 1977.

And according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, an urban family in April had to spend IS125,000 for the same basket of goods and services that it could buy in 1979/80 for IS3,700. How could Cohen-Orgad have thought inflation could wait?

AT HIS PRESS conference last week, Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum said that the public is no longer willing to lend its money to the government, either in government bonds or in saving schemes.

One reason for this attitude is that the public has been burned by earlier savings schemes, and here the Bank of Israel must share responsibility with the Treasury and the commercial banks.

People who invested in six-year savings schemes in 1977 or 1978 have discovered something in the small print on the agreement they then signed. This said that upon maturity linkage would be up to the "last known index."

Thus, a deposit that matured at the end of March would be linked only up to the index for February, published on March 15. If the total payable was IS200,000, and the index for March 10.7 per cent, the saver lost IS21,400 which went into the bank's pocket.

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READERS' LETTERS

DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — While I can appreciate why the television programme "Kolbotek" has been clandestinely filming unsuspecting people who were allegedly in the act of committing crimes, I feel that allowing the programme to do this sets a most dangerous precedent.

The job of apprehending a suspect is properly placed in the hands of the police. The job of trying an accused is properly placed in the hands of the public prosecutor. The job of judging him is properly placed in the hands of the judiciary. In one fell swoop, "Kolbotek" has in effect assumed for itself all three roles — this with no supervision.

"Kolbotek" is, after all, "show biz" oriented and we all know that "the show must go on." I for one do not trust "Kolbotek" with the awesome power it has assumed and I feel that we must cut out this cancer before it causes us all great heart-ache.

DAVID J. HEIMOWITZ

Tel Aviv.

SUMMER TIME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — What a joy it was to return to sunny, warm Israel after nearly three weeks of gray, rainy days in Europe! What was even more wonderful was to see the sunshine and daylight lingering as a result of summer time, until well past 7 p.m.

Nearly all my friends agree that it is a pleasure from the coolness of the morning in which to travel and do chores and work, to the children playing outside in daylight though it is actually early evening, and still being able to eat the evening meal without using electricity. Then there is being able to work around house and garden after work, remaining at the beach or pool longer — as well as actual savings in the fuel we use. All of those things and more are real benefits.

I only hope that all the people who appreciate the value of turning the clock forward in summer, maintain a watchful eye, so that it is not snatched away from us in future summers by someone who does not like the idea and has the power to go back to the old ways.

SHOSHANA ROUDA

Petah Tikva.

SAME OLD HACKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — From what I read Israeli politics involves a bunch of tired men for the most part well past their prime, who seem to bicker eternally and are dedicated primarily to protecting their own privileges and position.

The faces remain the same. The people remain the same. The youngest democracy in the world seems to have the oldest politicians. I am sure that we will probably see the same faces in 30 years' time.

There seems to be no expression of new ideas, no fresh approach. I sometimes think that, when I read about Israeli politics, I am reading about a modern version of the French Fourth Republic.

LABRON K. SHUMAN

Philadelphia.

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